



MEDICATION POLICIES

The Ledyard Learners School Age Program is **NOT** required by state regulations to administer medications. Individual considerations will be made regarding the ability of the center to administer any medications. Advance arrangements need to be made before center will accept the responsibility for the administration of any medications. Parents may administer any legal medication to their own child. Ill children will not be allowed to remain at the childcare center (i.e. Child with a fever will not be allowed to remain after receiving medication to lower the temperature). There are many state regulations governing the administration of medications in childcare centers. Whenever medications are accepted for administration the following regulations must be followed:

1. Parent is to ensure medication authorizations forms and medications labels are in accordance with the State of Connecticut regulations.
 - i. Note: Orders and labels must read **EXACTLY** like orders.
2. **SPECIFIC TIME** of administrations of medication at the childcare center must be noted on the medication authorization form. Any "as needed" medication orders will require parental instructions every time medication is to be administered at the childcare center.
3. State of Connecticut regulations allow parents to sign for only a few medications to be administered at childcare center. **ALL** other prescription and non-prescription medications require physician authorization.
 - a. The following are the **ONLY** medications parents may sign for:
 - i. Non-prescription diaper care products that are free of antibiotic, antifungal or steroids
 - ii. Non-prescription powders
 - iii. Non-prescription insect repellent*
 - iv. Non-prescription PABA free sun screen products*

*Permission not mandated by regulations, but required by this childcare program

4. Medication administration plans, orders and medications must be reviewed with staff member who is in charge at the time medication is brought to the childcare center. Please plan accordingly to account for the added time this will require.
5. Medications are **NEVER** allowed to be in with child's belongings (lunch bags, backpacks, diaper bags, etc.), they must be delivered to the center by parent and reviewed with charge staff person.

Parents are to provide **ALL** medication administration equipment needed (medication administration devices, droppers, etc.). If needed, childcare center staff may require parental demonstration of medication administrations.

ONLY after advance planning and considerations will medications be administered other than by topical or oral methods. **ALL** other methods of medication administration will only be undertaken after individual consideration.



HEALTH POLICIES

The Ledyard Learners School Age Program understands that it is difficult for a parent to leave or miss work, but children occasionally are not able to attend or are excluded from childcare program. Parents should have alternative arrangements made in the event they cannot miss work to take care of their child should the child not be able to attend the childcare program.

If a child is excluded for health reasons, parent will be contacted and is required to pick up child from childcare program (within 1-1 ½ hours) to provide for comfort for the child, prevent contagion of other children and provide adequate staffing for all children. Childcare center is not licensed for care of sick children beyond this time period.

Children should **not attend** childcare program or will be excluded from childcare program if they have any of the following symptoms or problems:

- Fever: Temperature of 99 degrees under the arm, 100 degrees by mouth, 101 degrees rectal or 101 degrees taken by ear using "rectal" equivalent
- Any rash suspicious of being contagious or infected
- Any vomiting that is uncontrolled (requires cleaning of environment) or any vomiting accompanied by other symptoms (fever, rash, diarrhea, crankiness, etc.)
- Any uncontrolled diarrhea (runs out of diaper or child unable to get to toilet on time)
- Any skin rash, lesion or wound with bleeding or oozing of fluids or discharge
- Any eye symptoms suspicious of a possible eye infection (redness/discharge etc.)
- Any mouth sores
- Any constant or uncontrolled nasal discharge or productive cough
- Any suspicion of head lice, scabies or other infestations
- Any condition or problem preventing child from participating comfortably in usual program activities
- Any illness or condition or problem that requires one-on-one care
- Any suspicion of contagious illness that is reportable to the health department

In order to **attend** childcare program or return after being excluded the following conditions must be met:

- Child must be free of illness symptoms (fever, diarrhea, vomiting, etc) for a full 24 hours. If excluded, may not return until after one full day of program
- Child must be free of rash, suspicious eye symptoms, mouth sores, etc., or have written medical confirmation that symptoms are not contagious or able to be spread to others.
- Child receiving antibiotic medications for a current infection must have taken medication for a full 24 hours before attending or returning to childcare center.
- Child must be free of open or oozing skin conditions unless 1) has a written medical statement that condition is not contagious or able to spread to others *and* 2) involved area can be covered by a bandage *without* seepage of drainage through the bandage
- Child with suspicion of head lice, scabies or other infestations may return 1) with written medical confirmation of no infestation or 2) after treatment is begun and 3) have proof that child is larvae or nit free (Either with written medical note or arrangement made with childcare center nurse consultant to check child).
- Child excluded with request for physician input must have written reply from physician
- Child with a contagious disease (chicken pox, etc.) may return according to infectious disease protocols (check with childcare center nurse consultant)
- Child must be able to fully participate in all usual program activities, including outdoor time.

Childcare center has the **final** say whether a child may attend or is excluded from program.