

parents' guide to fever medicine dosing



How much to give?

It is not always necessary to treat your child's fever. Consider the temperature and your child's overall condition. You may only want to give your child medicine if they are uncomfortable.

Acetaminophen dosing information (Tylenol® or another brand)

Give every 4–6 hours as needed. Do not give more than four doses in 24 hours.

Do NOT use with any other medicine containing acetaminophen.

Always call your pediatrician for fever in an infant younger than three months.

Always call your pediatrician for fever greater than 105 in a child of any age.

Weight of child	Age of child	Children's liquid or suspension 5mL/160mg	Children's tablets 1 tablet = 160 mg
6–11 lbs.	0–3 mos.	1.25mL/40mg	
12–17 lbs.	4–11 mos.	2.5mL/80mg	
18–23 lbs.	12–23 mos.	3.75mL/120mg	
24–35 lbs.	2–3 yrs.	5mL/160mg	1 tablet
36–47 lbs.	4–5 yrs.	7.5mL/240 mg	1½ tablets
48–59 lbs.	6–8 yrs.	10mL/320 mg	2 tablets
60–71 lbs.	9–10 yrs.	12.5mL/400 mg	2½ tablets
72–95 lbs.	11 yrs.	15mL/480 mg	3 tablets

Ibuprofen dosing information (Advil®, Motrin® or another brand)

Give every 6–8 hours as needed. Do not give more than four doses in 24 hours (unless directed to do otherwise by your health care provider).

Do NOT use with any other medicine containing ibuprofen.

Weight of child	Age of child	Infant's drops 1.25 mL = 50mg	Children's liquid or suspension 5mL/100mg	Children's tablets 1 tablet = 50 mg	Junior strength 1 tablet = 100 mg
under 11 lbs.	under 6 mos.	DO NOT GIVE			
12–17 lbs.	6–11 mos.	1.25 mL	2.5mL/50mg		
18–23 lbs.	12–23 mos.	1.875 mL	3.75mL/75mg		
24–35 lbs.	2–3 yrs.		5mL/100mg	2 tablets	1 tablet
36–47 lbs.	4–5 yrs.		7.5mL/150mg	3 tablets	1½ tablets
48–59 lbs.	6–8 yrs.		10mL/200mg	4 tablets	2 tablets
60–71 lbs.	9–10 yrs.		12.5mL/250mg	5 tablets	2½ tablets
72–95 lbs.	11 yrs.		15mL/300mg	6 tablets	3 tablets