

# Medication

For minor illnesses, our staff can administer medication. Please see the front desk for authorization forms. The Department of Children & Families' rules, as well as Viera Children's Academy's recommendations regarding these rules, are outlined below.

## Florida Department of Children & Families Rules

*"Child care facilities are not required to give medication, however, if they choose to do so, the following shall apply:*

- .. Prescription and non-prescription medicine brought to the child care facility by the custodial parent or legal guardian must be in the original container. Prescription medication must have a label stating the name of the physician, child's name, name of the medication, and medication directions. All prescription and non-prescription medication shall be*

*dispensed according to written directions on the prescription label or printed manufacturer's label.*

- .. *All medicines must have child resistant caps.*
  
- .. *Medication which has expired or is no longer being administered shall be returned to the custodial parent or legal guardian.*
  
- .. *A written record documenting the child's name, the name of the medication, date, time and amount of dosage to be given, and signature of the custodial parent or legal guardian shall be maintained by the facility. This record shall be initialed or signed by the facility personnel who gave the medication."*

***Viera Children's Academy's Recommendations***

- .. Please bring a doctor's note if you want us to administer a dosage different than what is indicated on the container for the age of your child or if the container says "do not administer without physician's approval" or has similar wording. If the container says "consult a physician if symptoms persist for more than 7 days" or has similar wording, please bring a doctor's note saying that it is okay to continue administering the medicine.
  
- .. Please do not leave medicine at Viera Children's Academy unless we have a current Authorization for Medication form. Authorizations for Medication forms are valid only for the current week. We cannot store medicine here "just in case" it might be needed. The exception to this rule is medication such as Benadryl or Epi-Pen that is needed for documented allergic reactions.
  - Medication **MUST** be given to someone in administration at the front desk when the authorization form is filled out. It **CAN NOT** be

given to the teacher, left in the child's bag or lunch box, or left in the classroom.

- .. Please indicate the time that the medicine needs to be administered. We cannot administer medicine "as needed".
- .. Viera Children's Academy reserves the right to change or revoke its medication policy at any time without written notice.