

How much acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil) can I give my child?

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When dealing with your child's fever, remember:

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) can be given **every six hours as needed** for fever.
- If your child has a fever but is sleeping, don't wake him or her up to give medicine for fever! Let your child rest.
- Fever is not harmful for children. We treat with fever-reducing medications only to make them more comfortable. Avoid the "tyranny of the thermometer" and go more by how your child is acting, rather than the height of the fever.
- Fever-reducing products, especially those containing acetaminophen, **come in different strengths. Be sure to check the label** of the product you have, and be sure that you're giving the right amount for the strength of medicine you're giving.
- Many over-the-counter cough and cold preparations (Dimetapp, Robitussin, Triaminic, etc.) contain acetaminophen as well. Check the label. If you give your child one of these products, do not give extra Tylenol.
- Call us *before* giving any fever medication to children under age 3 months. Ibuprofen should never be used in children under age 6 months.

For acetaminophen products

If your child weighs	Give this much	Infant drops (80 mg/0.8 ml)	Children's syrups (160 mg/5 ml)	Chewable tablets (80 mg/tablet)	Adult capsule (325 mg/caps)
6-11 pounds	40 mg	1/2 dropper (0.4 ml)	1/4 tsp	-----	-----
12-17 pounds	80 mg	1 dropper (0.8 ml)	1/2 tsp	-----	-----
18-23 pounds	120 mg	1 1/2 droppers (1.2 ml)	3/4 tsp	-----	-----
24-35 pounds	160 mg	2 droppers (1.6 ml)	1 tsp	2 tablets	-----
36-47 pounds	240 mg	-----	1 1/2 tsp	3 tablets	-----
48-59 pounds	320 mg	-----	2 tsp	4 tablets	1 capsule
60-71 pounds	400 mg	-----	2 1/2 tsp	5 tablets	1 capsule
72-95 pounds	480 mg	-----	3 tsp	6 tablets	1 capsule
96 pounds and up	650 mg	-----	-----	-----	2 capsules

For ibuprofen products

If your child weighs	Give this much	Infant drops 100 mg/2.5 ml	Children's syrup	Children's tablets 50 mg/tablet	Jr. strength chewables 100 mg/tab
13-17 pounds	50 mg	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	-----	-----
18-23 pounds	75 mg	1/3 tsp	3/4 tsp	-----	-----
24-35 pounds	100 mg	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	2 tablets	-----
36-47 pounds	150 mg	3/4 tsp	1 1/2 tsp	3 tablets	-----
48-59 pounds	200 mg	1 tsp	1 3/4 tsp	3 tablets	1 1/2 tablets
60-71 pounds	250 mg	-----	2 1/2 tsp	5 tablets	2 1/2 tablets
72-95 pounds	300 mg	-----	3 tsp	6 tablets	3 tablets
96 pounds and up	400 mg	-----	-----	-----	4 tablets

Due to the risk of Reye syndrome, *we do not recommend giving aspirin or aspirin-containing products* (such as Pepto-Bismol) to children with fevers.