

Sunscreen and Insect Repellent Policy

Sunscreen and insect repellent must be: 1) safe for the age of the particular child; 2) in the original container; and 3) within the expiration date noted on the product. Aerosols, as well as, combined sunscreen and insect repellents are prohibited.

Prior to use at a school, sunscreen and repellent should be applied to the child at least once at home to test for any allergic reaction. **A Parent Release-Sunscreen and Insect Repellent form must be signed by the parent/guardian before either is used.** This permission slip must be updated annually.

**Sunscreen**

Sunscreen/sunblock must provide UVB and UVA protection with an SPF of 15 or higher. Sunscreen may be provided by a parent/guardian (labeled with the child’s full name).

School-age children may apply sunscreen to themselves with adult supervision for proper application.

Sunscreen should be applied only to exposed areas of skin, and 20 to 30 minutes before going outdoors to be absorbed into the skin and to increase its effectiveness. We recommend brimmed hats, long sleeved shirts and pants in light colors to provide additional sun protection (Please label).

Insect Repellent

Insect repellent will only be used only when provided by a parent/guardian.

The repellent should contain a concentration of 30% DEET or less. Repellents not containing DEET may only be used if safe for the age of the particular child. Oil of lemon and eucalyptus products may not be used on children under the age of 3.

Insect repellent should be applied to a child’s skin only once a day. School-age children may apply insect repellent to themselves with adult supervision for proper application.

Application Do’s and Don’ts

When applying sunscreen or insect repellent do:

•  Wash and dry your hands. Hands are washed again as you move to the next child’s application and upon completion of application of the last child. Gloves may be worn but changed for each child.

•  Staff must wear gloves if either you or the child has broken skin, a sore/rash or other skin condition. Gloves must be changed when moving from child to child.

•  Put the lotion on your hands, then rub on the child’s face and other sensitive areas, using caution near the eyes. Pay special attention to ears, scalp and neck.

• Avoid contact with the applicator’s tip to avoid risk of contamination. When applying insect repellent do not:

* Oversaturate skin or clothing.
* Apply it to the child’s hands, sensitive areas (mouth, eyes), broken skin or rashes.