

2010-2011 Insect Repellent Policy/Permission

Per our consulting pediatrician and information provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center will apply insect repellent to children as needed, according to the following guidelines:

- Repellent containing DEET will not be used on children who may lick their skin.
- Repellent containing DEET will not be used on children under the age of 2 years.
- Children 2 years and older may have insect repellent applied sparingly to the back of their necks, legs, and arms. Hands will be avoided, so that repellent does not get rubbed in children's eyes.
- Repellent containing DEET will not be used under clothing
- Our consulting pediatrician has recommended using only those insect repellents with less than 10% DEET.
- Parents who do not want their child to receive insect repellent should indicate this on this form in their child's file.
- Parents who wish to have their child use a repellent which does not meet our guidelines must fill out a medication permission form.

PLEASE NOTE: Our consulting pediatrician recommends that children be bathed prior to bedtime on days when insect repellent has been applied. Staff will post a card on the Parent Information board that indicates if insect repellent has been used on a given day. It is parents' responsibility to check for this information when they sign their child/ren out at the end of the day.

___I give permission to Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center Staff and Teachers to apply Insect Repellent to my child.

___I do NOT want Insect Repellent applied to my child at this time.

Parent's Signature (s) _____

Child's Name _____ Date _____