

**2009-2010 Insect Repellant 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 repellant to children as needed, according to the following guidelines:

- Repellant containing DEET will not be used on children who may lick their skin.
- Repellant containing DEET will not be used on children under the age of 2 years.
- Children 2 years and older may have insect repellant applied sparingly to the backs of their necks, legs, and arms. Hands will be avoided, so that repellant does not get rubbed in children's eyes.
- Repellant containing DEET will not be used under clothing.
- Our consulting pediatrician has recommended only using those insect repellants with less than 10% DEET.
- Currently Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center will use: **OFF Skintastic VII containing 5% DEET**
- Parents who do not want their child to receive insect repellant should indicate this on this form in their child's file.
- Parents who wish to have their child use a repellant 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 repellant has been applied. Staff will post a card on the Parent Information board that indicates if insect repellant 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 Repellant to my child.

\_\_\_I do NOT want Insect Repellant applied to my child at this time.

Parent's Signature (s)\_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_