



Home preparation for emergency doses of  
**Ciprofloxacin**  
 for infants and children exposed to **anthrax**

Once you have been notified by your federal, state, or local authorities that you have been exposed to anthrax, it may be necessary to prepare **emergency** doses of ciprofloxacin for infants and children using ciprofloxacin tablets.

**You will need:**

- One (1) 500 milligram (mg) ciprofloxacin tablet
- Metal teaspoon
- Measuring spoons [1 teaspoon (tsp); and ½ teaspoon (tsp)] (NOTE measuring spoons are preferred, however if not available, use the metal spoon to grind, measure and give the medicine)
- 1 small bowl
- One of these foods
  - chocolate syrup
  - maple syrup
  - caramel syrup
  - ketchup

**Directions:**

1. Put one (1) 500-mg ciprofloxacin tablet into a small bowl. Crush the tablet with the back of the metal spoon until no large pieces are seen.



2. Add six (6) level teaspoons (tsp) of a food to the crushed ciprofloxacin. Stir them together until the drug looks evenly mixed with the food.



**How Much of the Ciprofloxacin Mixture to Give a Child**

The number of teaspoons of the ciprofloxacin mixture to give a child depends on the child's weight. **If child's weight is unknown, weigh child before giving the first dose.** The chart tells you how much to give a child for one dose. You should give child two doses each day (one in the morning and one in the evening) **for 60 days.**

<i>If the child weighs</i>	<b>Give the child</b>
4 - 6.5 pounds (lbs.)	<b>One half (1/2) teaspoon (tsp) (2.5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
7 - 12.5 (lbs.)	<b>One (1) teaspoon (5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
13 - 18 (lbs.)	<b>One and one half (1 ½) teaspoons (7.5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
19 - 24 (lbs.)	<b>Two (2) teaspoons (10mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
25 - 30 (lbs.)	<b>Two and one half (2 ½) teaspoons (12.5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
31 - 37 (lbs.)	<b>Three (3) teaspoons (15mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
38 - 43 (lbs.)	<b>Three and one half (3 ½) teaspoons (17.5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
44 - 49 (lbs.)	<b>Four (4) teaspoons (20mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
50 - 55 (lbs.)	<b>Four and one half (4 ½) teaspoons (22.5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
56 - 61 (lbs.)	<b>Five (5) teaspoons (25mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
62 - 67 (lbs.)	<b>Five and one half (5 ½) teaspoons (27.5mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture
68 - 73 (lbs.)	<b>Six (6) teaspoons (30mL)</b> of the ciprofloxacin mixture (or 1 tablet)
Children heavier than 73 pounds who are exposed to anthrax should take one (1) 500-mg tablet of ciprofloxacin two times a day (at the same time each day if possible) <b>for 60 days.</b> If the child cannot swallow tablets, use the directions for preparing a mixture and give 6 teaspoons twice a day	

**How already prepared Ciprofloxacin mixture should be stored**

- Prepare the Ciprofloxacin mixture daily; store mixture in covered container and refrigerate. Mixture will keep for at least 24 hours refrigerated.
- Throw away any unused portions.

