



Home preparation for emergency doses of
Levofloxacin
 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 Levofloxacin for infants and children using Levofloxacin tablets.

You will need:

- One (1) 750 milligram (mg) Levofloxacin 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
 - Apple sauce
 - Chocolate syrup
 - Caramel syrup
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| Chocolate pudding |
| Maple syrup |
| Ketchup |

Directions:

1. Put one (1) 750-mg Levofloxacin 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 Levofloxacin. Stir them together until the drug looks evenly mixed with the food.



How Much of the Levofloxacin Mixture to Give a Child

The number of teaspoons of the Levofloxacin 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 the child two doses each day (one in the morning and one in the evening, 12 hours apart) for 60 days.

If the child weighs	Give the child
Up to 19 pounds (lbs.)	One-half (1/2) teaspoon (2.5mL) of the Levofloxacin mixture
20 - 41 (lbs.)	One (1) teaspoon (5mL) of the Levofloxacin mixture
42 – 57 (lbs.)	One and one half (1 ½) teaspoons (7.5mL) of the Levofloxacin mixture
58 – 110 (lbs.)	Two (2) teaspoons (10mL) of the Levofloxacin mixture

Children heavier than 110 pounds who are exposed to anthrax should take 4 teaspoons ONCE a day (at the same time each day if possible) for 60 days.

How already prepared Levofloxacin mixture should be stored

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

