



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
 - 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.

<i>If the child weighs</i>	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.

