



Home preparation for emergency doses of

## Amoxicillin

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 Amoxicillin** for infants and children using Amoxicillin tablets.

### You will need:

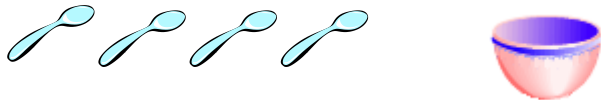
- One (1) 500 milligram (mg) Amoxicillin tablet
- Metal teaspoon
- Measuring spoons [1 teaspoon (tsp); and ½ teaspoon (tsp)]  
(NOTE: measuring spoons are preferred, however if not available, use the metal teaspoon to grind, measure and give the medicine)
- 1 small bowl
- One of these foods
  - Chocolate/Caramel/Maple syrup
  - Applesauce
  - Pudding

### Directions:

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



2. Add four (4) level teaspoons (tsp) of a food to the crushed Amoxicillin. Stir them together until the drug looks evenly mixed with the food.



### How Much of the Amoxicillin Mixture to Give a Child

The number of teaspoons of the amoxicillin 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 **three doses each day** (one in the morning and one in the afternoon and one in the evening) for **60 days**.

If the child weighs	Give the child
4-7 pounds or smaller	<b>One half (1/2) teaspoon (tsp) (2.5mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
8-11 pounds	<b>One (1) teaspoon (5mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
12-17 pounds	<b>One and one half (1 ½) teaspoons (7.5mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
18-22 pounds	<b>Two (2) teaspoons (10mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
23-27 pounds	<b>Two and one half (2 ½) teaspoons (12.5mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
28-33 pounds	<b>Three (3) teaspoons (15mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
34-38 pounds	<b>Three and one half (3 ½) teaspoons (17.5mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
39-44 pounds	<b>Four (4) teaspoons (20mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
45-55 pounds	<b>Five (5) teaspoons (25mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
56-66 pounds	<b>Six (6) teaspoons (30mL)</b> of the Amoxicillin mixture
67-77pounds	<b>Seven (7) teaspoons (35mL)</b> of the amoxicillin mixture
78-88 pounds or greater	<b>Eight (8) teaspoons (40mL)</b> of the amoxicillin mixture

### For children who can swallow tablets

Children who weigh **39-49 pounds** should take **one (1) 500mg tablet** of amoxicillin three times a day

Children who weigh **45-66 pounds** should take **one and one half (1 ½) 500mg tablets** of amoxicillin three times a day

Children who weigh **67-88 pounds or greater** should take **two (2) 500mg tablets** of amoxicillin three times a day

If the child cannot swallow tablets, use the directions for preparing a mixture and give the amount listed in the table above

### How already prepared Amoxicillin mixture should be stored

- Prepare the Amoxicillin mixture daily; store mixture in covered container and refrigerate. Mixture will keep for 24 hours refrigerated.
- More than one portion of the mixture may need to be prepared to make all necessary doses. For each tablet crushed, add four (4) teaspoons of food.
  - 12-27 pounds requires two (2) tablets; eight (8) tsp food
  - 28-44 pounds requires three (3) tablets; twelve (12) tsp food
  - 45-55 pounds requires four (4) tablets; sixteen (16) tsp food
  - 56-66 pounds requires five (5) tablets; twenty (20) tsp food
  - 67-88 pounds requires six (6) tablets; twenty-four (24) tsp food
- Throw away any unused portions after the last dose of the day has been given.

