

## **Medication Administration Policy**

Administering medication and performing medically prescribed and necessary procedures to children while participating in Zoo programs should only occur when an alternate schedule is not feasible.

A parent/legal guardian must complete and is responsible for maintaining accurate medication records for their child in the CampDoc parent portal (a link will be provided to that portal approximately 3 weeks prior to the camp start date) for any prescribed and over-the-counter medications your child needs to take during their Zoo program. Additionally, a FARE – Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan must be uploaded in the CampDoc parent portal for any child carrying emergency rescue medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler. The CampDoc medication section can be updated at any time.

### **In the CampDoc parent portal, a parent/legal guardian will indicate:**

- Medication name, dosage, and indications
- Dose form (liquid, capsule, etc.)
- How often the medication should be taken
- Any known side effects
- If medication will be kept in the possession of the attending child or by authorized, trained Zoo staff.
- If it is emergency medication, and upload a FARE form for same

All medication (prescription or over-the-counter) must be in a pharmacy or manufacturer-labeled container and clearly labeled with the child's name. The Zoo will provide secure, locked storage for medication for extended programs or pre-school to prevent diversion, misuse, or ingestion by another individual. Medications carried by Zoo staff during outdoor activities will be carried in a temperature-controlled container. The Zoo will not provide temperature-controlled containers for children authorized by their parent/guardian to keep possession of their own medication. Medications will be self-administered by the child with staff supervision, so only a correct pre-measured dose should accompany the child to the Zoo program. The parent/legal guardian must assume responsibility for informing Zoo personnel in the CampDoc parent portal of any change in the child's health or change in medication.

**Zoo personnel will only administer medication in emergencies, such as epi-pen for life-threatening allergies per the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan or emergency inhaler.**

**Neither the Saint Louis Zoo nor its personnel shall incur liability due to adverse effects of medication administered as authorized by the parent/guardian.**

I give permission for my child to receive medication at the Saint Louis Zoo as indicated above and in my child's CampDoc portal. I understand I am responsible for updating and maintaining my child's medications in the CampDoc portal. The medication will be in its original container. I accept legal responsibility should the medication be lost, not immediately available, given, or taken by a person other than the above named student, or used in an improper manner. I release the Saint Louis Zoo and its staff and any other associates of any legal responsibility when the above named child administers his/her/their own medication, and if they should suffer an adverse reaction as a result.