

## Sunscreen and Bug Repellent Spray

### Head Start Performance Standards

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#### Policy

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Head Start does not allow the usage of bug repellent sprays.

Head Start encourages and supports the use of sunscreen as sun damage prevention. It is important to protect children from sunburn, which may increase their lifetime risk of developing skin cancer.

Child Development Centers and classrooms will use sunscreen in accordance with the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care- **Rules for Certified Child Care Centers**, which specifies the following:

Sunscreen is considered a non-prescription medication and may be used for children under the following conditions:

- A signed, dated written authorization (**Sunscreen Acknowledgment** form) has been received from the parent/guardian and is on file.
- One container of sunscreen may be used for center children (with permission forms) unless a parent supplies an individual container for their child. The sunscreen shall be applied in a manner that prevents contaminating the container.
- Any sunscreen used must be SPF 30 or higher and labeled as “Broad Spectrum”.
- Parents must be informed of the type of product and the sun protection factor (SPF).
- Parents must be given the opportunity to inspect the product and active ingredients.
- Aerosol sunscreens are not permitted for use.
- If sunscreen is provided by the parent, it must be in its original container, labeled with the child’s name and used only for that child. Signed permission is still necessary. (**Medical Permission** form)

#### Procedure

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- Sunscreen must be applied daily to exposed skin, 30 minutes before going outside when outdoor playtime is between 10am and 4pm. If outside longer than two hours, sunscreen must be reapplied.
- Care should be taken to keep children in the shade when possible.
- Wash hands and wear gloves to apply sunscreen to exposed skin. Change gloves between each student.
- Parent will be notified immediately via remind app if child refuses sunscreen. Sunscreen concerns can be directed to the Health Services Supervisor.
- Sunscreen shall not be used on children younger than six months. Head Start staff will educate children and parents about how to prevent sunburn. Parents are informed of our **Sunscreen and bug repellent spray Policy and Procedures** in the parent handbook and during orientation.

- Staff will refer to the Child Care Weather Watch chart during times of severe cold and heat to determine if it is safe for outdoor play by visiting-

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/ccic/pdf/child-care-weather-watch-wi.pdf>