



Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Dose Table



When to use: Treatment of fever and pain.

Dosing: Find the child's **weight** in the top row of the dose table. Look below the correct weight for the dose based on the product you have.

Child's weight (pounds)	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-95	96+	lbs.
Liquid 160 mg/5 milliliters (mL)	1.25	2.5	3.75	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	mL
Liquid 160 mg/1 teaspoon (tsp)	--	½	¾	1	1 ½	2	2 ½	3	4	tsp
Chewable 80 mg tablets	--	--	1 ½	2	3	4	5	6	8	tabs
Chewable 160 mg tablets	--	--	--	1	1 ½	2	2 ½	3	4	tabs
Adult 325 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1 ½	2	tabs
Adult 500 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	tab

Age limits: Don't use under 12 weeks of age unless told by your child's doctor. Reason: fever in the first 12 weeks of life needs to be seen now. If present, your baby needs medical exam now. Exception: fever starting within 24 hours of vaccines if child is 8 weeks of age or older. If under 6 years, don't give products with more than one ingredient in them (FDA recommendation 2008)

Caution: Acetaminophen (Tylenol) can be found in many prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Read the labels to be sure your child is not getting it from two products. If you have questions, call your doctor

Measure the dose: Syringes and droppers are better to use than teaspoons. If possible, use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medicine. If not, you can get a med syringe at a drug store. If you use a teaspoon, it should be a measuring spoon. Reason: regular spoons are not reliable. Keep in mind 1 level teaspoon equals 5 mL and ½ teaspoon equals 2.5 mL.

How often: Repeat every 4-6 hours as needed. Don't give more than 5 times a day.

Suppositories: Come in 80, 120, 325 and 650 mg. The rectal dose is the same as the dose given by mouth.

Website Source: SLCH <https://www.stlouischildrens.org/health-resources/dosage-tables/acetaminophen-tylenol-dosage-table>

