

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

When giving medication to children, things don't always go as planned. It is important to know what actions you should take for these situations if they arise in your program.

Situation	Action
Unable to safely give the medicine to the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not force the child to take the medication • Notify the child's parent immediately and tell them you cannot safely administer the dose • Document on the child's log of administration form that the dose was not given and the reason why • Consult your program's policies and procedures and, if applicable, a child's health care plan for any additional actions
The child refuses to take the medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not force the child to take the medication • Notify the child's parent immediately and tell him/her you cannot safely administer the dose • Document on the child's log of administration form that the dose was not given and the reason why • Consult your program's policies and procedures for any additional actions
Child spits up (or vomits) immediately or soon after getting an oral medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the child's parent as soon as possible and report what happened • Document on the child's log of administration form that the child spit up some of the medication • Do <u>not</u> administer the dose again