

What to Bring to the Emergency Department

The decision to take a sick or injured child to the Emergency Department is usually made very quickly. But if you have some time to prepare, consider the following checklist of items to bring with you:

- Insurance card and identification
- Phone + charger, to keep in touch with family at home
- List of medications your child is taking
- Referral paperwork and other recent test results
- Diapers, formula and other baby supplies
- A favorite toy or blanket to comfort your child
- List of questions you and your family may have
- Name and contact information for your child's pediatrician

Parents are encouraged to make childcare arrangements for other children, especially during flu season. To avoid delaying potential testing, parents should not give food or drinks to their child while waiting to be seen.

If your child needs immediate medical attention and you cannot safely transport your child to the hospital, please call 911 immediately. Families may request to be taken to CHOC Children's Emergency by ambulance.