

Welcome to VIP Babies

Infant Packing List



Whether you are a new mom taking your baby to daycare for the first time or a veteran daycare mom, it's not easy getting out the door in the morning with everything both you and your baby will need for the day. Use the daycare packing list below to reduce morning stress and avoid return trips home because you forgot something essential.

The Necessities

- **Diapers** - many daycares request that you bring diapers in bulk at the beginning of each week. Plan for 8-10 diapers per day. It's much better to have too many than not enough. Cloth diapers are not allowed.
- **Wipes** - take a full container to daycare initially and refills package each Monday or when they run out. Also include a smaller container in the diaper bag you transport back and forth to daycare each day. Your daycare provider can use that as a back-up supply in the event your child goes through more wipes than usual in any given week.
- **Diaper Rash Cream or Ointment** - Labeled with your child's name, in its original container and a consent letter from a parent allowing VIP Day Care Center the use of same.
- **Pacifiers** - if your child is a regular user of pacifiers, consider keeping a separate supply (labeled sandwich resealable bag) of three or four at your daycare. Pacifiers are easily misplaced, and you wouldn't want your child to need one for comfort and not have one. You might also consider packing an additional one for emergencies in the diaper bag you carry back and forth. Once the babies are mobile, make sure to label the pacifier with a non-toxic marker.
- **Crib Sheets and Blankets** – It is required - you provide 2 fresh fitted crib sheets and 2 thin receiving blankets for your child.
- **Clothing**
- **Extra Outfits** - send two to three extra outfits for the week. Pack **each complete outfit** in a gallon-size resealable plastic bag. Be sure to include extra socks as well. Label each bag with your child's name. Your daycare provider can then use these same bags to send home soiled or wet clothes.
- **Bibs** - consider purchasing a separate supply of bibs just for daycare. Include both Velcro tie small bibs for drooling (especially if your baby is teething) and larger bibs for meal times. Four or five of each size should be sufficient. Send at least 3 on a daily basis.

Food

- **Bottles** - send enough bottles w/covers for the time your child is scheduled to be at daycare plus one extra in the event of an emergency or if you are running late. If your baby drinks formula, send it pre-measured in each bottle. If you use powdered formula, your daycare provider will simply need to add water at feeding time. If you are sending breast milk, check with your daycare center about their preferred process. *VIP Babies requires you to send freshly thawed and prepared bottles each day, we do offer a freezer and will allow 1 **clearly identified frozen bag** which must display child's name & extraction date, as a back-up.*

Bottle warmers are provided by this Center.

- VIP Babies will "quick-wash" your child's bottle/s with dishwashing soap, water & a round brush, **the used bottles & nipples returning home must be properly washed before use.**
- **Breastfeeding-** VIP Babies encourages mother who are able, to come in for breastfeeding.
- **Baby cereal** - if your baby is old enough for cereal, send in pre-measured portions on a daily basis, use small plastic containers with screw-on lids to avoid messes while in transit.
- **Baby food** - once your baby begins eating solid food, you will send it in daily either in baby food jars or in small plastic containers with screw-on lids. Each should be marked with your child's name & "Heat & Serve" ready.
- **Bowl and spoon** – are provided by this Program.
- **Medicines - VIP Daycare DOES NOT ADMINISTER MEDICINE.** A Medicine consent form is found in your Registration Package allowing an adult you trust to come in, to give your child medicine. Put together a bag of medicines you permit your child to have. This bag might include a thermometer &/or teething ointment (Parent must provide a letter, giving consent to the use of Teething ointment) Write your child's name on the individual medicines as well as the outside of the plastic bag.

It's the Little Things...

- **Label everything** - there are many options available for labeling your child's clothes, blankets and supplies. While permanent markers may work fine for labeling plastic bags, diaper boxes and containers for wipes, you may be hesitant to use them on other things that come in direct contact with your baby. Consider using iron-on labels for blankets, crib sheets and clothing. Masking tape or painter's tape is a good option for labeling bottles.
- **Things will get lost** - you'll be less stressed if you acknowledge this and simply don't send anything to daycare that can't be easily replaced.
- **Notepad and pen** - keep these items in the outside pocket of your diaper bag. When you arrive at daycare to discover your child has run out of something ahead of schedule (diapers, wipes, ointment, etc.), make note of it on this pad. Make it a habit to review this notepad each evening when you are repacking the diaper bag for the next day.
- **The "key" to remembering essential items** - while most daycare items can be packed in your diaper bag the night before, certain items such as baby food, formula or bottles of breast milk need to stay refrigerated and can only be added the next morning. In the hustle of the morning routine, those refrigerated items are easy to forget on your way out the door. Either put your car keys in the refrigerator next to the bottles or put a sticky note on your car keys reminding you to get the bottles.

You can't leave without your keys so you're guaranteed to remember these essential items before you get part way to the daycare.

The Most Important Reason to Use This Daycare Packing List If you keep your daycare supplies organized, you make it easier on your daycare provider. What's helpful for your provider is ultimately helpful to your child. When everything is organized, your daycare provider has more time to spend quality time with your child. A win-win for all involved.

Time- Please allow an extra 5 minutes each morning & again at pick-up to touch base with our Staff, It is important for us to discuss basic needs such as: a rough night, not feeling well, or the last time he or she ate.

Coming Soon: email - Parent Notifications: On a daily basis (3:30pm), you will receive a text informing of the day's essential activities: Food, Nap, Potty & Mood. This written "Daily Report" service, provides Center/Parent communication and peace of mind, you will know how the day is going or may serve as an option for an early pick-up need.

We feel this service, save both the Parent & our Staff, time spent on countless phone conversations, allowing our Team to provide VIP quality service to all the children under our care.

