

Antibiotic Allergy Check: What You Need to Know

Your child is going to see a special doctor to check if they are allergic to an antibiotic.

Here's what will happen:

- They will ask questions about your child's past symptoms and medicines.
 - This might happen over the phone, during a visit in person, or by video.
- The doctor will decide if your child needs a test and which test is best.
- The clinic will call you to:
 - Set up the next appointment
 - Give instructions to follow
 - And answer your questions
- They will usually wait at least 8 weeks after the reaction before doing the test.

Important:

Most health insurance plans help pay for this test. Check with your insurance company to be sure it's covered.

Your doctor sent you to Children's Mercy Kansas City because of a reaction to an antibiotic



Infectious Diseases Clinic

(for amoxicillin or penicillin only)

Phone #: (816) 983-6325



Allergy Clinic*

(for any antibiotic or if already seen by Allergy Clinic)

Phone #: (816) 960-8900

*If the visit is in person and there's enough time, the doctor **may do the test right away**. If not, they will **schedule the test for another day**.

If no one calls you in 2 weeks, **please call the clinic**.

What Happens During the Antibiotic Challenge Test

Doctors and nurses do this test to check if your child is really allergic to an antibiotic.

- First, your child might get the medicine by mouth (sometimes they do a small skin test first).
- The doctors will watch your child for 75 minutes to see if anything happens.
- At the end of the visit, the doctors will give you a paper that says which medicines your child can take and which ones to avoid.