State Fair Medical Authorization

To help ensure the safety of all youth participants, all University of Minnesota youth programs are expected to collect and store medications, prescription and over-the-counter, during programs/activities. The exception to this practice is medication needed to address conditions that would be life-threatening if not taken immediately (e.g. bee sting kits, inhalers); in these situations limited amounts of these medications may stay with the 4-H member.

If you have selected "State Fair housing" for your child and he/she will need to take medication during their stay, please complete the Authorization for Giving Medication form. This form must be completed by the parent/guardian before any medication sent with the youth to the State Fair may be distributed. Please send the form and the medication, packaged as described on the form, with your child to the State Fair.

Please ask your child to deliver the form and medication to the onsite nurse (4-H building), dorm staff or chaperones (all other State Fair/University lodging facilities) or chaperones (hotels). These individuals will provide the medication to the 4-H member as prescribed and noted on the authorization form.

Notes:

- Medications include prescription and over-the-counter drugs; they do not include vitamins or homeopathic remedies.

- Common over-the-counter medications may be available in the nurse's office and may be provided to youth as long as the individual’s health form is reviewed prior to administering and a parent has indicated that thes medicine is acceptable (through the Authorization for Giving Medication form or a phone conversation with the nurse).