

**WAC 110-300-0281 Breast milk.** (1) When a parent or guardian provides breast milk, an early learning provider must:

- (a) Immediately refrigerate or freeze the breast milk;
- (b) Label the breast milk container with the child's first and last name and the date received;
- (c) Store frozen breast milk at zero degrees Fahrenheit or less, and in a closed container to prevent contamination; and
- (d) Keep frozen breast milk for no more than thirty days upon receipt and return any unused frozen breast milk to the parent after thirty days.

(2) Frozen breast milk must be kept in the refrigerator at a temperature of 39 degrees Fahrenheit for up to twenty-four hours after thawed.

(3) Thawed breast milk that has not been served within twenty-four hours must be labeled "do not use" and returned to the parent or guardian.

(4) An early learning provider must return any unused refrigerated, not been previously frozen, bottles or containers of breast milk to the parent at the end of the child's day, or label "do not use."

(5) An early learning provider must thaw frozen breast milk in the refrigerator, under warm running water, in a container with warm water, or in a bottle warmer.

(6) An early learning provider must not thaw or heat breast milk in a microwave oven or on the stove.

(7) An early learning provider must obtain parental consent prior to feeding infant formula to an otherwise breastfed infant.

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