

Stead Family Children's Hospital

Your Child's Milk and Formula: Safe Preparation and Timeless® Scanning

We know your breast milk or formula is important for your child. Whether your child gets your own breast milk, donor human milk, or formula, our team follows careful steps to make sure your child gets the right nutrition. Our Mixing Room and Timeless® milk scanning system help prepare and give each feeding safely.

What happens to my child's breast milk or formula?

We carefully label and track your breast milk in our electronic system. We store it safely, get it ready as needed, and then send it for your child.

Trained staff prepare the feeding in our Mixing Room on Level 7. This room is dedicated to preparing milk and formula using a standard process for safety and accuracy.

What is Timeless® milk scanning?

Timeless® is an electronic system that helps make sure the right milk or formula goes to the right child. Before giving a feeding, your child's care team scans the barcode on the milk or formula and checks your child's identification (ID). This makes sure the feeding is correct before it is given.

The system works together with the label and ID checks done by your child's care team.

Your milk. Your child. Our shared safety.

If you are pumping breast milk, we will give you special labels for your milk. These labels identify both you and your baby.

Make sure you:

- Write the date and time you pumped the milk.
- Put no more than 4 ounces (120 milliliters) of milk in each storage bag.

When your milk goes to the Mixing Room, staff will log it in Timeless®. Then, they will store it in temperature-controlled freezers. When it is time to feed your child, your nurse will:

- Scan your child's ID.
- Scan the barcode on the milk or formula.
- Confirm the feeding matches your child's order.