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Patch Testing Instructions

- ❑ Keep child's back dry until time of patch removal. Patches are removed after 48 hours.
- ❑ If patch is beginning to come off the skin, use medical tape to reinforce.
- ❑ With a marker, reinforce marker on the skin. If the marker is not in place, we cannot interpret results.
- ❑ Remove patch after 48 hours, and then gently wash off the back with soap and water. **Be sure to leave the marker on.**
- ❑ Follow up appointment is 72 hours after patch application.
- ❑ Call our office with questions at 215-590-2549. For emergencies, call 215-590-1000 and ask for the allergist on call.
- ❑ For itching, antihistamines may be given; they will not affect the results.