

Your child may have been exposed to:

Respiratory Syncytial Virus

Quick Help

If you think your child has RSV

Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Need to stay home?

Yes, until fever is gone and your child is healthy enough for routine activities.

Prevention

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- DO NOT share drink containers and cups or silverware. Wash all dishes with hot, soapy water between uses.
- Some babies, including infants who were born prematurely, can be given a medication to prevent infection. Talk to your healthcare provider.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common viral infection.

Symptoms:

Your child may have a cough, watery eyes, runny nose, stuffiness or sneezing. Symptoms may last for 7 days. People with severe RSV may wheeze and/or have lung congestion. RSV can be serious for premature babies and people with heart, lung or immune system problems. If your child is infected, it may take 2 to 8 days for symptoms to start.

Spread

- By coughing or sneezing
- By touching contaminated hands, surfaces or objects.

Contagious Period

For 3 to 8 days. Some infants can spread RSV for up to 4 weeks.

Call your Healthcare Provider

If anyone in your home has symptoms. Your doctor may want to test for the virus. Infants who are hospitalized may be treated with a special medication called an antiviral drug.

For more information, please visit or call:
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