

Your child may have been exposed to:

Bronchitis

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Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Need to stay home?

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

Prevention

- Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after coming in contact with anything that may be contaminated with secretions from the nose and mouth. Your child may need help washing their hands to make sure they are clean.
- Clean and disinfect objects that come in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Use a product that kills germs.
- **DO NOT** expose your child to second hand smoke. Smoke increases the risk for serious respiratory infections and middle ear infections.

Bronchitis/bronchiolitis are respiratory illnesses caused by viruses or bacteria

Symptoms

Your child may have a runny nose and fever. Cough starts out dry and harsh. It will become looser after the child has been sick for a while. Your child may have a sore throat also. The cough has the potential to last for one to two weeks.

Spread

- By touching secretions from the nose or mouth.
- By touching contaminated hands, objects or surfaces

Contagious Period

Shortly before and during active symptoms

Call your Healthcare Provider

- If your child has a fever.
- If your child has a sore throat or cough that will not go away.
- Antibiotics may not work for illnesses caused by viruses. Some forms of bronchitis are caused by viruses not bacteria.

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