

Your child may have been exposed to:

Warts

Quick Help

If you think your child has Warts

Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Need to stay home?

No

Prevention

- Avoid biting your nails or picking your hangnails. Keep nails trimmed.
- Take care to keep feet and hands clean and dry. Do basic first aid when an injury (cut, scrape, etc.) occurs.
- Wear shoes like flip-flops or water sandals in locker rooms and showers or on pool decks
- Avoid sharing personal items such as razors.
- Clean and disinfect contaminated areas. Use a product that kills germs.

Warts are skin growths caused by a virus. Common and flat warts are seen most often in younger children and planter in school-aged children.

Symptoms:

Common—Dome -shaped and have a rough appearance. Check the fingers, on the backs of the hands and around the nails. They may be more common where a child has bitten fingernails or picked hangnails.

Plantar (foot)- Usually seen on the bottoms of the feet. Most of these warts flatten because the pressure of walking pushes them back into the skin. They can be very painful.

Flat- Smaller and smoother than other warts. They tend to grow in large numbers (20 to 100) at a time. They can grow anywhere on the body.

If your child is infected, it may take several months to years before symptoms start.

Spread

- From person to person
- By touching contaminated objects, such as locker room floors, showers or pool decks.

Contagious Period

Probably as long as the wart is present.

Call your Healthcare Provider

- Your doctor will decide if treatment is needed.

For more information, please visit or call:
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