

Your child may have been exposed to:

Pneumococcal Infection

Quick Help

If you think your child has Pneumococcus

Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Need to stay home?

No, if the child is healthy enough for routine activities.

Prevention

- Ensure your child has received pneumococcal vaccine.
- 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.
- Clean and disinfect anything that comes in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Use a product that kills germs.
- DO NOT expose your child to second-hand tobacco smoke. Smoke increases the risk for serious respiratory infections and middle ear infections.

Pneumococcus (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*) is a bacteria that can cause ear and lung infections.

Symptoms:

Your child may have fever, ear pain or pull on their ear. Sometimes there is ear drainage and redness. Your child may change behavior or eating habits.

Spread

- By coughing or sneezing
- By touching secretions from the nose or mouth

Contagious Period

Unknown

Call your Healthcare Provider

- If your child has a high fever or ear pain that does not stop. Antibiotics may be prescribed.

For more information, please visit or call:
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