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How to Check for Illness – Children

Actions to Take to Prevent Illness

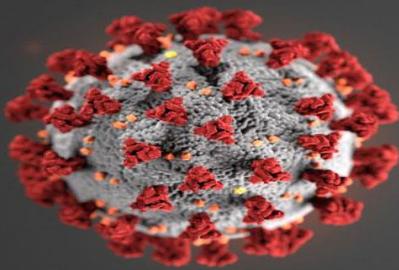
- Encourage children and staff to take everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses:
 - Strict adherence to staying home when sick
 - Appropriately covering cough and sneezes
 - Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces
 - Washing hands often with soap and water
- + If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- + Remember to supervise young children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent swallowing alcohol.

Know the Symptoms of COVID-19 in Adults

- The following symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure**.
 - Fever of 100.4F (38C) or higher
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Other respiratory symptoms have been reported

Symptoms of COVID-19 in Children

- Children with confirmed COVID-19 have generally presented with mild symptoms. It's not known yet whether some children may be at higher risk for severe illness, for example, children with underlying medical conditions and special healthcare needs.
- Reported symptoms in children include cold-like symptoms, such as:
 - Fever of 100.4F (38C) or higher
 - Runny nose
 - Cough
 - Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported



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How to Screen Children

- Children
 - Perform temperature checks when arriving.
 - Have multiple thermometers available for screening
 - + Thermometers should be cleaned and disinfected between uses, following the manufacturer's instructions for use (in the absence of instructions, disinfect with alcohol pad and let air dry between users).
 - Children with fever or symptoms should be sent home. Nurse will follow up with family.
 - Document absence of fever, shortness of breath, new or change in cough, and sore throat.

During the Day

- Watch children for signs of running nose, cough, fever, or gastrointestinal symptoms that may develop during the day.
 - + If they are ill or have a fever, have them put on a facemask and leave the area.