

# MONONUCLEOSIS PARENT FACT SHEET

## PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your child may have been exposed to: MONONUCLEOSIS

Mononucleosis (mono) is a viral illness.

### Need to stay home?

No, as long as the child is healthy enough for routine activities.

Sports: Children with an enlarged spleen should avoid contact sports until cleared by their healthcare provider.

If you think your child has Mono, call the childcare provider or school.

## Symptoms

Your child may have a sore throat, swollen glands, headache, fever, and sometimes a rash. Your child may be very tired.

Mono usually lasts from one week to several weeks. The time it takes to recover and regain energy varies from person to person.

Less common problems include jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes) and/or enlarged spleen or liver.

If your child is infected, it may take about 4 to 6 weeks for symptoms to start.

## Spread

- By kissing or sharing items contaminated with saliva.

## Contagious Period

For several weeks or longer.

## Call your Healthcare Provider

- If anyone in your home has symptoms of mononucleosis. Your child may need bed rest, to drink plenty of water, and to avoid some physical activities.

## Prevention

- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- Avoid sharing drink containers and cups or silverware. Wash all dishes with hot soapy water between uses.
- Clean and disinfect any objects that come in contact with the nose or mouth (for example, mouthed toys). Use a product that kills germs.
- Avoid kissing or having contact with the saliva of an infected person.

For more information, please contact your local health department.

[Southern Nevada Health District](#) (Clark County) 775-759-1300 (24 hours)

[Northern Nevada Public Health](#) (Washoe County) 775-328-2447 (24 hours)

[Carson City Health & Human Services](#) (Carson City, Douglas, Lyon Counties) 775-887-2190 (24 hours)

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