

PNEUMOCOCCAL INFECTION PARENT FACT SHEET

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your child may have been exposed to: PNEUMOCOCCAL INFECTION

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

Need to stay home?

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

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 sneezing or coughing.
- 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.

Prevention

- Ensure your child has received pneumococcal vaccine.
- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with the secretions from the mouth or nose. Your child may need help with hand washing.
- 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.

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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