

SALMONELLOSIS PARENT FACT SHEET

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your child may have been exposed to: SALMONELLOSIS

Salmonellosis is a bacterial infection of the intestines.

Need to stay home?

Yes, until diarrhea has stopped for 24 hours. A longer exclusion may be necessary during an outbreak.

If you think your child has Scabies tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Symptoms

Your child may have diarrhea, cramps, headache, vomiting, or fever. Illness may last up to 7 days.

If your child is infected, it may take 6 to 72 hours for symptoms to start.

Spread

- By eating or drinking contaminated food or beverages.
- By touching contaminated hands, surfaces, or objects.
- By handling chicks, ducklings, reptiles, and amphibians.

Contagious Period

The illness can spread as long as *Salmonella* bacteria are in the stool. This could be for several weeks.

Call your Healthcare Provider

- If anyone in your home has symptoms. There is a medical test to detect the bacteria.
- Ask how to prevent dehydration. Your child may lose a lot of water due to vomiting and diarrhea.

Prevention

- Wash hands after using the toilet or changing diapers and before food or eating. Your child may need help with hand washing.
- Clean and disinfect any objects that come in contact with stool. This includes toilets (potty chairs), sinks, toys, and diaper changing areas. Use a product that kills germs.
- Chicks, ducklings, reptiles (e.g., pet turtles, iguanas, snakes), and amphibians can carry *Salmonella*. Wash your hands after touching these pets. Cook foods thoroughly and do not drink unpasteurized milk or pasteurized juice. Always disinfect cooking surfaces.

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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