

SCABIES PARENT FACT SHEET

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your child may have been exposed to: SCABIES

Scabies is caused by tiny mites that live under the skin. Check your child for a rash.

Need to stay home?

Yes, until 24 hours after treatment has been completed.

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

Symptoms

Your child may itch (more so at night). Look for a rash of pink bumps or tiny blisters. Sometimes, you can only see scratch marks. Common locations for the rash and itching are between fingers, around wrists and elbows, and armpits. Infants and young children may be infested on head, neck, palms, and bottoms of feet.

If your child has scabies it takes 2 to 6 weeks for symptoms to start. If your child has had this before, symptoms may start in 1 to 4 days.

Spread

- By having a lot of direct contact with the skin of a person with scabies.
- By sharing bedding, towels, or clothing that was used by a person with scabies.

The mites cannot live off the human body for more than 3 days. They cannot reproduce off the body.

Contagious Period

From when a child gets the mites until 24 hours after treatment begins. A child is contagious before the rash appears.

Call your Healthcare Provider

- If anyone in your home has symptoms. Your medical provider may do a test and/or give a medication, usually a cream or lotion
- Even with treatment, it often takes 2-3 weeks for rash to go away. Ask your medical provider who in the household needs to be treated.

Prevention

- At time of treatment, wash items used in the past 48 hours in hot water and put them in a hot dryer. Examples of things to wash are underwear, pajamas, bedding, and towels. Items that cannot be washed should be sealed in a plastic bag for one week.
- Vacuum upholstered furniture and carpeting. DO NOT use insecticide sprays.

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)

[Division of Public and Behavioral Health](#) (All other Counties) 775-400-0333 (24 hours)

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