CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES

Signs and symptoms vary, some or all may be present, seek medical assistance.



Ear Infection

- pulling at ear
- partial hearing loss
- irritability
- fever
- loss of balance
- loss of appetite

Croup

- · usually starts with a cold
- noisy high pitched breathing

Meningococcal

- fever / headache
- irritability / fretfulness
- · refusing to feed / loss of appetite
- · neck stiffness / sore and aching
- grunting / moaning /slurred speech
- extreme tiredness / floppiness / collapse
- nausea / vomiting / diarrhoea
- eves sensitive to light
- convulsions / twitching
- rash of red / purple pinprick spots or larger bruises

Whooping Cough

- severe cough occurs in bouts
- 'whooping' sound breathing in
- vomiting after a coughing bout
- stop breathing momentarily may turn blue



Bronchitis

- sore throat / blocked nose
- fever and chills / aches and pains
- tiredness / headaches
- difficulty breathing
- tight chest / wheeziness
- dry cough, then cough with phlem



- **Meninaitis**
- eves sensitive to light neck stiffness / joint pain
- drowsiness
- vomiting

 fever / headache blotchy skin or rash - does not fade with pressure

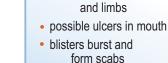
Mumps

- fever headache
- fatigue weight loss
- pain when swallowing
- swollen gland/s (in front of ear)

Measles

- fever & generally unwell
- runny nose dry cough
- sore red eyes
- red and bluish spots in mouth
- red spreading rash starts on face

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Tonsilitis

Chicken Pox

intensely itchy rash

blisters start on body

move to head

mild fever & generally unwell

- sore throat / difficulty swallowing
- swollen glands under each side of jaw
- fever
- bad breath swollen tonsils.
- may have white or yellow pus

Epiglottitis

sore throat / difficulty swallowing

Refer to 'Staving Healthy: Preventing Infectious Diseases in Early Childhood Education and Care Services'

- difficulty talking
- hoarse voice
- fever
- very sick looking
- drooling stridor

- harsh barking cough
- difficulty breathing



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