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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

What is RSV?

A common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. RSV is the most common cause of severe infections such as bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than one year of age in the United States.

These symptoms usually appear in stages and not all at once. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.

How to Treat RSV.

There is no specific treatment for RSV and most go away on their own, in a week or two. Take these steps to relieve symptoms:

- **Manage fever and pain** with over-the-counter fever reducers and pain relievers. Never give aspirin to children
- **Drink enough fluids.** It is important to drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration (loss of body fluids).
- **Talk to your healthcare provider** before giving your child nonprescription cold medicines. Some medicines contain ingredients that are not good for children.

What are Symptoms of RSV?

RSV infection usually will show within 4 to 6 days and include:

- Runny nose
- Decrease in appetite, less hungry than usual
- Coughing, Sneezing or Wheezing
- Fever
- Have no energy, decreased activity and/or act fussy or cranky
- Irritability
- Breathing difficulties

Call your Doctor immediately if your baby or child:

- **Has trouble breathing.** Breathes slightly faster than normal and seems to be getting worse. Most healthy children breathe less than 40 times a minute.
- **Has cold symptoms** that become severe.
- **Has shallow coughing,** which continues throughout the day and night.
- **Has a poor appetite.**
- **Is not drinking enough fluids** or is being less active than usual.

Call 911 Immediately if:

Your child has severe trouble or difficulty breathing, with the following symptoms:

- Cannot eat or talk because he or she is breathing so hard.

- Has flared nostrils and the child's belly moves in and out with each breath. Seems to be tiring out.
- Seems very sleepy or confused.
- Your child's breathing has stopped.

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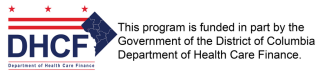
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