



HEALTH ALERT: RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)

In healthy children and adults, RSV usually manifests as a "common cold". In some infants or young children, RSV may cause wheezing, bronchiolitis and/or pneumonia.

- SIGNS: Wheezing, coughing, fever, irritability, lethargy, "not feeling well".
- TRANSMISSIONS: Direct or close contact with contaminated secretions. Spread among household and child care contacts is common.
- INCUBATION: 2-8 days
- TREATMENT: Unless severe, only symptomatic treatment is indicated.
- EXCLUSION: A doctor's clearance letter is required to return, and child must be fever free with no persistent cough or wheeze

(ANY ILLNESS WHICH PREVENTS A CHILD FROM ACTIVITY OR CAUSES DISCOMFORT IS CAUSE FOR EXCLUSION.)