

Symptom Guide for Children

When your child is sick or hurt, you want to get them the care they need as quickly as possible. As a first step in nonemergency situations, call your pediatrician's office to discuss your child's needs. Pediatricians have the expertise to help you decide the best care choice for your child. For help answering if this is a medical emergency or not, please review our symptom guide below.



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	Primary Care	Urgent Care <small>*Available for children ages 3 months and up</small>	Virtual Visit <small>*Available for children 2 years and older</small>	Emergency <small>Call 911 or get to an emergency room</small>
Allergic reaction where it's hard to breathe				✓
Allergies	✓	✓	✓	
Asthma attack - inhalers are not helping and difficulty breathing				✓
Asthma attack - inhalers are working some	✓	✓		
Bladder infection (UTI)	✓	✓	✓	
Broken bones - suspected				✓
Burns - minor	✓	✓	✓	
Burns - severe				✓
Chest pain	✓			✓
Constipation	✓		✓	
Cough with stuffy or runny nose, like a cold	✓	✓	✓	
Coughing or throwing up blood				✓
COVID-19 test	✓	✓		
Cuts that are deep or bleeding that won't stop				✓
Cuts - minor	✓	✓	✓	
Dehydration - no tears, dry mouth, decreased urination				✓
Dizziness or vertigo	✓	✓	✓	
Ear pain or suspected infection	✓	✓	✓	
Eye pain or suspected infection	✓	✓	✓	
Fever - higher than 100.4 °F, and can't be controlled by medication	✓	✓	✓	
Fever - higher than 100.4 °F, and less than 3 months old				✓
Fever - higher than 100.4 °F for at least 3 days	✓			✓
Flu-like symptoms, such as fever, achy body, cough	✓	✓	✓	
Headache	✓	✓	✓	
Headache - severe				✓
Insect stings and bites	✓	✓	✓	
Passing out or blacking out				✓
Poisoning				✓
Rashes - redness does not go away when skin is pulled tight				✓
Rashes and other minor skin problems	✓	✓	✓	
Seizures				✓
Sinus infections	✓	✓	✓	
Snake bites				✓
Sore throat, suspected strep throat	✓	✓	✓	
Sprains	✓	✓	✓	
Sports physicals	✓	✓		
Stomach pain - severe				✓
Stomach pain - minor, throwing up, loose stools	✓	✓	✓	
Trauma or very bad injury				✓
Trouble breathing				✓
Vomiting	✓	✓	✓	

Always seek the appropriate care at a facility that works for you and your family. Learn more or find a location near you:

Urgent Care: iuhealth.org/urgentcare

Emergency: rileychildrens.org/emergency

Primary Care: rileychildrens.org/primarycare

Virtual Visit: iuhealth.org/virtualvisits