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
- harsh barking cough

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difficulty breathing



- sore throat / difficulty swallowing
- difficulty talking
- hoarse voice
- fever
- very sick looking
- drooling stridor

Phleam Refer to 'Staying Healthy; Preventing Infectious Diseases in Early Childhood Education and Care Services'

tight chest / wheeziness dry cough, then cough with phlem

Meningococcal

· refusing to feed / loss of appetite

· neck stiffness / sore and aching

• nausea / vomiting / diarrhoea

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

sore throat / blocked nose

tiredness / headaches

difficulty breathing

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fever and chills / aches and pains

Bronchitis

 eves sensitive to light convulsions / twitching

grunting / moaning /slurred speech

• rash of red / purple pinprick spots

• extreme tiredness / floppiness / collapse

• fever / headache

irritability / fretfulness

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
- 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

Tonsilitis sore throat / difficulty swallowing

may have white or yellow pus



bad breath swollen tonsils.

Chicken Pox

intensely itchy rash

blisters start on body

move to head

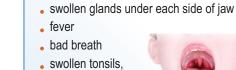
and limbs

possible ulcers in mouth

form scabs

blisters burst and

mild fever & generally unwell



fatique