

COVID19 & CHILDREN

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Recently, a number of children have developed significant systemic inflammatory response that has appeared during the COVID-19 pandemic.



What we know:

- It is rare.
- Most children affected have done well with treatment.
- Should be taken seriously and do not ignore symptoms.
- A child does not have to test positive for COVID-19, but this illness is associated with the disease.

If you notice any of the following symptoms, call your pediatrician!

You may have heard it compared to other rare childhood conditions such as Kawasaki Disease or Toxic Shock Syndrome, but at this time, it is thought to be a separate condition.



a fever that won't go away



abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting



rash or changes in skin color



trouble breathing



your child seems confused or overly sleepy

Your pediatrician will let you know if your child needs to be seen in the office or if you need to go to the emergency department. Education and accurate information can save lives. Stay calm and educated, but do not delay seeking medical help for your child.

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