

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



MIS-C is a rare, but serious complication associated with COVID-19. It occurs in children, adolescents and young adults in which different body parts can become inflamed.



1. Recognize Signs and Symptoms

Watch for MIS-C symptoms, especially if your child had COVID-19, or has been in close contact with someone who had COVID-19, within the past 6 weeks.



2. Seek Medical Attention

Even if you aren't sure your child had COVID-19, call a doctor right away if your child is showing signs and symptoms of MIS-C.



3. Work with Your Healthcare Team

If MIS-C is suspected, healthcare providers will do tests to look for signs of the condition. These may include:

- Blood Tests
- Chest X-rays
- Heart Ultrasound (Echocardiogram)
- Abdominal Ultrasound

SYMPTOMS OF POSSIBLE MIS-C

Ongoing fever **PLUS** more than one of the following:



- Abdominal Pain
- Dizziness and Lightheadedness
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Diarrhea
- Bloodshot Eyes

Go to the nearest hospital Emergency Room if your child is showing any severe MIS-C warning signs such as:

Trouble breathing | Pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away
Confusion or unusual behavior | Severe abdominal pain | Inability to wake or stay awake
Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds; depending on skin tone



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For More Information

www.cdc.gov/mis/mis-c.html

