A comforting guide to *THE ACHES & PAINS * of the flu

It's not easy when your CHILD GETS THE FLU,

but knowing what to do can be.

TYPICAL SYMPTOMS

abrupt onset of fever, chills and fatigue

HEADACHE

COUGH

NOSE

SORE **THROAT**

sometimes

Non-productive

runny

diarrhea & vomiting

see the **DOCTOR** if THERE'S:

or irritability that does not respond to CONSOLING

CONFUSION or **HEADACHE THAT DOES**

not GO AWAY

chest PAIN labored breathing **PERSISTENT** cough

NECK STIFFNESS

STOMACH PAIN, vomiting and dehydration

BACK PAIN or weak LEGS or feet

Severe muscle PAIN and/or RED URINE









THE BEST defense AGAINST THE flu? THE FLU VACCINE

Make SURE YOU AND YOUR CHILD **GET vaccinated**

See YOUR PEDIATRICIAN to FIND OUT which FLU vaccine IS BEST for YOU' child.

Take our online flu assessment at choa.org/fl

to find out if your child needs to visit the doctor

DRINK LOTS OF FLUIDS.

USE A FEVER reducer LIKE acetaminophen **OR** ibuprofen to TREAT FLU symptoms. Do not **USE medicine that contains ASPIRIN.**

For children YOUNGER THAN 6 yrs old, cough and cold medicines DO NOT WORK AND MAY **CAUSE SERIOUS** side effects.

Antibiotics WILL NOT HELP because THE FLU is a viral INFECTION.

ANTIVIRAL medicines MAY BE helpful FOR CHILDREN with CONDITIONS associated with SEVERE infections.

KEEP kids HOME until THEIR fever is GONE FOR at least 24 hours without using fever reducers.

If your child's doctor is unavailable, pediatricians are standing by-including nights, weekends and on holidays—at our Urgent Care Centers.



Visit choa.org/urgentcare for locations, hours and wait times.

