

FOR PARENTS: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19.

This condition causes different body parts to become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal (digestive) organs. We do not yet know what causes MIS-C, however, many children with the syndrome had the virus that causes COVID-19, or had been around someone with COVID-19. MIS-C can be serious, even deadly, but most children diagnosed with this condition have gotten better with medical care.

Contact your child’s doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if he or she is showing symptoms of MIS-C:

- Fever
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Neck pain
- Rash
- Bloodshot eyes
- Feeling extra tired



Children may only have one or a few of the symptoms. Not all children have the same symptoms. Seek emergency care right away if your child is showing any emergency warning signs of MIS-C or other concerning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face
- Severe abdominal pain

Parents or caregivers who have concerns about their child’s health, including concerns about [COVID-19](#) or MIS-C, should call a pediatrician or other healthcare provider immediately. Healthcare providers can follow [CDC recommendations](#) to keep children and their parents or caregivers safe if an in-person visit is needed.

Keeping Parents and Partners Informed

CDC activities to investigate MIS-C are one piece of the [CDC Response to COVID-19](#). For more information, visit our [Responder Stories](#) and read about [CDC in Action](#).

