Cryptosporidiosis is an intestinal infection caused by a parasite.

**Symptoms**
- Acute watery diarrhea
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Abdominal cramps
- Fatigue
- Lack of appetite

**Spread**
- By eating or drinking contaminated food or beverages.
- Contact with contaminated municipal water supplies or public swimming pools.
- Animals in petting zoos

**Contagious Period**
The illness can spread as long as Cryptosporidium parasites are in the stool. This may be 2 weeks or longer.

**Call your Healthcare Provider**
- If anyone in your home has symptoms. There is a medical test to detect the parasite. There is a treatment, however, most people get better without any specific treatment.
- Ask how to prevent dehydration. Your child may lose a lot of water due to vomiting and diarrhea.

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