Molluscum Contagiosum

Symptoms:
Your child may have bumps on the face, body, arms or legs. The bumps are small, pale, shiny and dome-shaped. The bump color may be flesh, white or pink. There may be a dimple on the top. The bumps are usually painless. Rarely, the bumps are itchy, red, swollen and/or sore. If your child is infected, it may take 2 to 7 weeks for symptoms to develop. However, it could be up to 6 months.

Spread
• By skin-to-skin contact with an infected person
• By using contaminated towels, wash cloths, equipment
• By touching or scratching your bumps and then touching another part of your body

Contagious Period
Until the soft, white core comes out of the center of the bumps. After the bumps begin to heal, the risk of spreading the infection will be very low.

Call your Healthcare Provider
• If anyone in your home has symptoms. Your doctor will decide if treatment is needed.