**Pneumococcal Infection**

**Quick Help**

### If you think your child has Pneumococcus

Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

### Need to stay home?

**No**, if the child is healthy enough for routine activities.

### Prevention

- Ensure your child has received pneumococcal vaccine.
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- Clean and disinfect anything that comes in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Use a product that kills germs.
- DO NOT expose your child to second-hand tobacco smoke. Smoke increases the risk for serious respiratory infections and middle ear infections.

### Pneumococcus (**Streptococcus pneumoniae**) is a bacteria that can cause ear and lung infections.

### Symptoms:

Your child may have fever, ear pain or pull on their ear. Sometimes there is ear drainage and redness. Your child may change behavior or eating habits.

### Spread

- By coughing or sneezing
- By touching secretions from the nose or mouth

### Contagious Period

**Unknown**

### Call your Healthcare Provider

- If your child has a high fever or ear pain that does not stop. Antibiotics may be prescribed.

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