

Influenza-like Illness Symptom Screening Tool for Parents and Caregivers of Children in Childcare and Early Childhood Programs

Parents and caregivers should use the following questionnaire to assess the health status of their child on a daily basis.

Does your child have:

1. Fever (100° F or greater)? Yes No
(take temperature before giving fever reducing medicine)
2. Sore Throat? Yes No
3. Cough? Yes No

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

- If you checked yes to fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home until for 7 days after onset of symptoms or 24 hours after symptoms have resolved, which ever is longer. If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's healthcare provider.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with a different disease, such as strep, follow your healthcare provider's recommendation and the childcare's policy for when to return to school.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY CHILD'S CHILDCARE?

- If you checked "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell the childcare that your child is home with influenza-like illness.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with a different disease, such as strep, tell the childcare.
- No personal information about your child, including your child's name, will be shared.

For more information and on-going updates go to the MDH website at: www.mdhflu.com



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