

Your child may have been exposed to:

<h1>Impetigo</h1>	Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection. It usually occurs on the nose, arms, or legs or around the mouth
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<p>If you think your child has Impetigo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell your childcare provider or call the school. • Should your child stay home from Childcare or School? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yes, if impetigo is confirmed by your healthcare provider, until 24 hours of treatment has been completed and sores are drying. 	<p>Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child may have sores on the skin. The sores can produce a thick golden-yellow discharge that dries, crusts, and sticks to the skin. It usually begins at a break in the skin. It could start near a cut or insect bite. • If your child has been infected, it may take up to 7 days (usually 2 days) for symptoms to start. <p>Spread</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By touching the fluid from the sores. <p>Contagious Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until sores are healed or the person has been treated for at least 24 hours. <p>Call your Healthcare Provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If anyone in your home has symptoms of Impetigo. Your doctor may prescribe a medication.
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Prevention

- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with fluid from the sores. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- Clean and disinfect objects that come into contact with fluid from the sores. Use a product that kills germs.
- DO NOT share towels, washcloths, or clothing.
- Keep sores covered with a bandage. Remind children not to scratch sores.

For more information, call WEDCO District Health Department.

- ❖ **Scott County Health Center: 502-863-3971**
- ❖ **Harrison County Health Center: 859-234-2842**
- ❖ **Nicholas County Health Center: 859-289-2188**

