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Can COVID-19 lead to other problems in children?

This is not common, but it can happen. There have been rare reports of children with COVID-19 developing inflammation throughout the body. This can lead to organ damage if it is not treated quickly. Experts have used different names for this condition, including "multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children" or MIS-C.

Symptoms include:

- Fever that lasts longer than 24 hours
- Belly pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Rash
- Bloodshot eyes
- Headache
- •Being extra tired or acting confused or irritable
- Trouble breathing

If your child was diagnosed with COVID in the past 2 months and has a fever >100.4 for more than 24 hours, plus any of the above symptoms. You should be seen in our office within 72 hours of fever developing.

You should seek emergency help right away if your child:

- Has trouble breathing
- Has pain or pressure in their chest
- Has blue lips or face
- Has severe belly pain
- Acts confused or not like themselves
- Cannot wake up or stay awake
- **If you have a baby and they are having trouble feeding normally, you should also call.

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