# **CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES**

**Meninaitis** 

drowsiness

fever / headache

blotchy skin or rash

- does not fade

with pressure

vomiting

eves sensitive to light

neck stiffness / joint pain

Signs and symptoms vary, some or all may be present, seek medical assistance.



## Ear Infection

- pulling at ear
- partial hearing loss
- fever
- loss of balance
- loss of appetite

## Croup

- · usually starts with a cold
- noisy high pitched breathing
- harsh barking cough

 blisters burst and form scabs

### sore throat / difficulty swallowing

- swollen glands under each side of jaw
- swollen tonsils.
- may have white or yellow pus

# **Epiglottitis**

- sore throat / difficulty swallowing
- difficulty talking
- hoarse voice
- fever
- very sick looking
- drooling stridor

Phlegm Refer to 'Staving Healthy: Preventing Infectious Diseases in Early Childhood Education and Care Services'

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 runny nose dry cough

- red spreading rash starts on face

### • severe cough occurs in bouts • 'whooping' sound breathing in

vomiting after a coughing bout

**Whooping Cough** 

 stop breathing momentarily may turn blue

Meningococcal

· refusing to feed / loss of appetite

· neck stiffness / sore and aching

• nausea / vomiting / diarrhoea

or larger bruises

 eves sensitive to light convulsions / twitching

grunting / moaning /slurred speech

• rash of red / purple pinprick spots

• extreme tiredness / floppiness / collapse

• fever / headache

• irritability / fretfulness

# **Bronchitis**

- sore throat / blocked nose
- fever and chills / aches and pains
- tiredness / headaches
- difficulty breathing
- tight chest / wheeziness
- dry cough, then cough with phlem





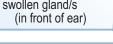
### Measles • fever & generally unwell

### • red and bluish spots in mouth

# Mumps

- fatique
- (in front of ear)
- weight loss
- pain when swallowing

# swollen gland/s











fever

**Chicken Pox** 

intensely itchy rash

blisters start on body

move to head

and limbs

possible ulcers in mouth

mild fever & generally unwell

- bad breath



irritability



- difficulty breathing

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# sore red eyes