

# BABY'S WARNING SIGNS AND REPORTABLE SYMPTOMS

## REPORTABLE SYMPTOMS

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Even experienced parents may feel worried as they adjust to a new baby's habits, needs and personality. It is important to remember that most of the common physical problems that occur during a given 24 hours with a baby are normal situations or problems with simple answers.

If the following symptoms of illness occur, a call to your baby's healthcare professional is in order:

- **Blue lip color is a 911 call!**
- Blue or pale colored skin.
- Yellow skin or eyes.
- Patches of white found in baby's mouth.
- Eating poorly or refusing to eat.
- No stool for 48 hours and less than 6 wet diapers a day.
- Redness, drainage or foul odor from the umbilical cord.
- Does not urinate within 6 to 8 hours of circumcision.
- Temperature of 100°F or more.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Repeated vomiting or several refused feedings in a row.
- Listlessness.
- Crying excessively with no known cause.
- An unusual or severe rash (other than prickly heat).
- Frequent or successive bowel movements with excess fluid, mucous or foul odor.
- Experiences drastic behavior changes such as increased irritability, excessive crying without a cause, extreme sleepiness or floppy arms and legs.
- Congested cough, running eyes or running nose.



## IF YOU ARE BREASTFEEDING, CALL YOUR LACTATION CONSULTANT OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IF YOU OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING

- If your baby is not effectively nursing at least 8 to 12 feedings each day.
- If the baby has less than 4 wet diapers in a 24-hour period in the first week of life, and less than 6 wet diapers in a 24-hour period after the baby is 7 days old.
- If your baby is not stooling 3 to 4 times a day once your milk is in greater supply.
- If the baby refuses to eat for 6 to 8 hours.

*Symptoms I need to report about my baby when calling the healthcare provider or lactation consultant:*

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