



Guidance for Children with Fevers¹

The child has a fever if: Oral temperature > 100°F, Rectal temperature > 100.4°F, or Ear/Forehead temperature > 100.4°F

See a doctor within 24 hrs	Call a doctor or go to a clinic now	Go to the Emergency Room Now	Call 911 Immediately
Child is 3-6 Months Old with a fever	Less than 12 Weeks old with any fever	Stiff neck (can't touch chin to chest)	Not moving or too weak to stand
Child is 6-24 Months Old and the fever lasts more than 24 hours	Trouble breathing such as nasal flaring, fast breathing, or crackling sounds when breathing	Less than 1 year old and the soft spot on the head is bulging or swollen	Trouble breathing with bluish lips or face
Older child and fever lasts 3 days	Trouble swallowing fluids	Hard to wake up	Can't wake up
Fever returns after being gone for more than 24 hours	Confused or not alert when awake	Had a seizure with the fever	Purple or blood-colored spots or dots on the skin
Recent travel to high risk countries	Fever over 104°F	You feel that your child needs to see a doctor, and the problem is urgent	You feel that your child has a life-threatening emergency
	Shivering that lasts more than 30 min.		
	Non-stop crying or cries when touched or moved		
	Won't move an arm or leg normally		
	Painful or burning urination		
	Child looks or acts very sick		
	Compromised immune system		
	Dehydration Suspected: · No urine for more than 8 hours · No tears when crying · Very dry mouth · Dark urine		
	You think your child needs to see a doctor, but don't feel it is urgent		

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¹ These guidelines are based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics