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- Wash hands frequently, and teach children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, or after they cough or sneeze into them.
- 2. Have a hand sanitizer available for quick hand cleaning.
- 3. Teach all family members to cough into their elbows or into a facial tissue.
- 4. Keep your home as germfree as possible by wiping down contaminated surfaces.
- 5. Get a flu shot.



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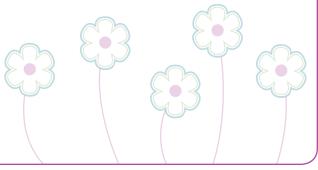






DVD Worksheet

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	in air that contains germs from someone's cough or sneeze, or when they their eyes, nose, or mouth with germy hands.
2.	Fevers and dehydration are that result from illness or infection.
3.	If your child is, then treat their fever with an age-appropriate fever and pain, such as acetaminophen.
4.	Dehydration occurs when your child's body too much water. Fluids lost from vomiting, diarrhea, or fever can quickly cause it.
5.	Respiratory include fevers, coughs, stuffy noses, sore throats, achiness, and congestion.
6.	By age to colds.
7.	Over-the-counter cold medicines can be to children under the age of
8.	Keeping your child is super important when they have a stomach bug. Just remember to start with sips of water or ice chips and build up over several hours as tolerated.
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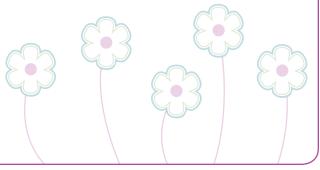






DVD Worksheet Key

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- 2. Fevers and dehydration are **symptoms** that result from illness or infection.
- 3. If your child is *uncomfortable*, then treat their fever with an age-appropriate fever and pain *medicine*, such as acetaminophen.
- 4. Dehydration occurs when your child's body <u>loses</u> too much water. Fluids lost from vomiting, diarrhea, or fever can quickly cause it.
- 5. Respiratory <u>symptoms</u> include fevers, coughs, stuffy noses, sore throats, achiness, and <u>chest</u> congestion.
- 6. By age *two*, your child will likely get *eight* to *ten* colds.
- 7. Over-the-counter cold medicines can be <u>harmful</u> to children under the age of <u>four</u>.
- 8. Keeping your child **hydrated** is super important when they have a stomach bug. Just remember to start with **small** sips of water or ice chips and build up **slowly** over several hours as tolerated.
- 9. Knowing what caused a <u>rash</u> will determine the right <u>treatment</u>, and using the wrong treatment can aggravate it.
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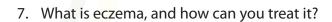
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- 3. Use _____ or saltwater sprays to help _____ their noses.
- 4. Give children _____ age one, a half to one teaspoon of honey as needed to help reduce coughing. Never give honey to a child _____ age one.
- 5. For children age _____ and over, rub a thin layer of _____ rub on their _____ and neck.
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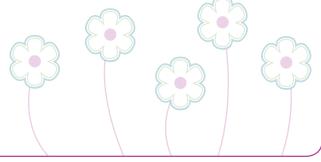


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- 4. Give children <u>over</u> age one, a half to one teaspoon of honey as needed to help reduce coughing. Never give honey to a child <u>under</u> age one.
- 5. For children age <u>two</u> and over, rub a thin layer of <u>mentholated</u> rub on their <u>chest</u> and neck.
- 6. How should you treat constipation?

Encourage the child to drink plenty of water and feed them high-fiber foods such as fruits, cooked veggies, beans, and whole grains. Keep them active.

7. What is eczema, and how can you treat it?

Eczema is a condition where the skin develops itchy, dry, and inflamed patches. It is typically treated with topical steroids during an outbreak. You can also treat it with emollients such as petroleum jelly, creams, or oils to hydrate the skin.



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