



Same Day Sick Visits

Is your child feeling under the weather? Knowing when to pick up the phone and schedule a sick visit with your pediatrician at Littleton Pediatric Medical Center can sometimes be a challenging decision. Consider making a sick visit if:

- Your child has a high fever that you can't break with the use of over the counter fever reducers.
- Your child's fever is accompanied by lethargy, a rash, confusion, neck pain, or vomiting.
- Your baby is under three months of age and has a fever (above 100.4°F or 38°C) with or without any other symptoms.
- Your child has a cut or laceration or other injury
- Your child is experiencing eye discharge or pain
- Your child is experiencing ear pain
- Your child has a sore throat
- Your child is coughing with or without wheezing
- Your child is experiencing abdominal pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Your child is experiencing pain with urination

What to expect during your sick visit

During your appointment, your pediatrician will examine your child, inquire about your child's symptoms, and may order diagnostic tests like x-rays or blood work. After a diagnosis is made, the doctor will discuss a treatment plan with you, which may include prescribing medications, administering minor procedures or treatments, and offering guidance on at-home care if needed.

How do I know if my child needs to be seen today?

When in doubt, it's always better to be safe than sorry. To make a sick visit or receive guidance from one of our triage nurses, call 303-791-9999 for our Highlands Ranch office or 303-979-1234 for our Ken Caryl location. Remember that same-day sick visits are not a substitute for regular well-child visits and antibiotics are not prescribed over the phone.

