

**FEVER BLISTERS/COLD SORES  
(Herpes Simplex Latent Infection)**

**IMMUNIZATION:** None

**INCUBATION PERIOD:** 2 to 12 days

**SYMPTOMS:** Superficial clear vesicles (fluid filled blisters) on an erythematous base, usually on the face and lips which crust and heal within a few days.

**PERIOD OF COMMUNICABILITY:**

Until lesions crusted, generally 4 to 5 days. Virus is present in highest concentration in the first 24 hours after appearance of vesicles

**MODE OF TRANSMISSION:**

Contact with saliva of infected person or carrier. Avoid mouthing of toys.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**

Only children who cannot control oral secretions should be excluded from daycare or school. If herpes lesions are abundant on face or in the mouth, or the child has difficulty chewing or swallowing, they should be evaluated by a physician. Restrict contact with other children who have eczema or skin conditions.

**CONTACT/FOLLOW-UP:**

No recommendations