

**RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)
ACUTE FEBRILE RESPIRATORY DISEASE**

IMMUNIZATION:	None
INCUBATION PERIOD:	From 1 to 10 days, generally 4-6 days.
SYMPTOMS:	Fever and one or more symptoms such as chills or chilliness, headache, general aching, anorexia, and in infants, some gastrointestinal upset. Localized symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, laryngitis, bronchitis, and pneumonia may occur.
PERIOD OF COMMUNICABILITY:	Hours prior to and for the duration of active illness. Young children may be infectious for 1-3 weeks after symptoms subside.
MODE OF TRANSMISSION:	Usually person to person through coughs, sneezes, and kissing; indirectly by hands, other articles contaminated with respiratory discharge from infected person.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:	Exclude during period of active symptoms, especially elevated temperature. Do not exclude children unless they are unable to participate comfortably in activities.
CONTACTS/FOLLOW-UP:	Emphasize the importance of good handwashing practices by children and staff.