

## Scarlet fever

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Public Health Derbyshire has received notification of several cases of scarlet fever across Derbyshire. Scarlet fever is a contagious infection which can be easily treated with antibiotics. Information for parents/carers about scarlet fever can be found on the NHS website.

Each individual case will be reported by the GP to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). However, if you have 2 or more cases within your setting, please contact UKHSA directly on 0344 225 4524 or email [phe.crc.eastmidlands@phe.gov.uk](mailto:phe.crc.eastmidlands@phe.gov.uk). The East Midlands Health Protection team will be able to advise you of any actions you may need to take (this is different to the Health Protection team who are part of Derbyshire County Council).

If scarlet fever is suspected, the child should be sent home if unwell and parents advised to take the child to the GP. Children can return to school/nursery/setting 24 hours after taking the 1st dose of antibiotics. If no antibiotics have been administered, the person will be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Please see further advice on infectious diseases within a setting.