

Fast Facts

Impetigo

- Skin infection caused by Staphylococcus aureus or Streptococcus pyogenes
- Highly contagious
- Common in young children

<i>Symptoms</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Prevention</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Red sores around nose/mouth -Sores rupture/ooze after a few days -Honey-colored crust forms over the top -Sores aren't itchy or painful -Sores can appear on hands and feet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Antibiotic ointment or cream -Remove any scabs with warm water by soaking or using compresses -Oral antibiotics (if numerous sores) -Wash hands frequently -Do not touch the sores -Use gloves when applying the ointment/cream and wash hands after -Wash any clothing, linen or towels daily and don't share them -Wipe down any hard surfaces with antibacterial disinfectants -For children, cut their fingernails short to prevent them from damaging their skin due to scratching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wash hands thoroughly and frequently -Limit the number of cuts, scrapes, insect bites and other wounds where the bacteria can enter your body -Wash any break of the skin soap and water as soon as possible -Disinfect hard surfaces -Wash clothing, linen and towels frequently -If you have impetigo, stay away from others until you are no longer contagious

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