

SCARLET FEVER

WHAT IS SCARLET FEVER?

Scarlet fever is caused by a bacteria (germ) called, "Group A Streptococcus." This germ can hurt your skin and throat.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

Scarlet fever germs make some people very sick. Some people with the germs do not get sick at all, but they can still spread the germ. Healthy habits can keep us all safe from germs.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE IT?



Fever or chills



Very red, sore throat



Bright red skin



"Strawberry" tongue

HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?



Wash your hands frequently.



Use hand sanitizer if water and soap are not available.



Wash utensils used by a sick person.

TREATMENT TIPS:

- If you have scarlet fever, you do need antibiotics to get better.
- It is important to take all the antibiotics, even if you start to feel better.

WHEN TO CALL A DOCTOR?

You need to contact your doctor if you have a red rash and a sore throat. Your doctor will swab your throat to test for strep throat. If scarlet fever is untreated, it can cause serious problems.