DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE DIARRHEA?

Here’s the poop

Your child’s diarrhea might be caused by a germ called SHIGELLA. SHIGELLA are bacteria that cause about [500,000 cases] of DIARRHEA in the United States each year.

Symptoms

Symptoms of SHIGELLA illness usually begin 1 to 2 days after becoming infected with the germ, and can include:

- Diarrhea (sometimes bloody)
- Fever
- Stomachache

Protect your family & community!

SHIGELLA spreads very easily from one person to another! Stop the spread of SHIGELLA by following these easy steps:

- Everyone should wash hands before preparing food or eating and after using the toilet or changing diapers.
- Do NOT prepare food if you are ill.
- Do NOT share food with anyone if you or your family members are ill.
- Stay home from childcare and school while sick or until your health department says it’s safe to return.

Steps to get better

- Drink fluids
- Get rest
- Talk to your doctor if you are still sick

Most people feel better in 5 – 7 days.

Visit CDC’s Shigella website for more information: www.cdc.gov/shigella