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<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

## Symptoms of a strep A infection

Common symptoms of strep A include:

- flu-like symptoms, such as a high temperature, swollen glands or an aching body
- sore throat (strep throat or tonsillitis)
- a rash that feels rough, like sandpaper (scarlet fever)
- scabs and sores (impetigo)
- pain and swelling (cellulitis)
- severe muscle aches
- nausea and vomiting

**Most strep A infections are not serious and can be treated with antibiotics.**

But rarely, the infection can cause serious problems. This is called invasive group A strep (iGAS).

## Treatments for a strep A infection

Most strep A infections can be easily treated with antibiotics.

If you or your child has a strep A infection, you should stay away from nursery, school or work for 24 hours after you start taking antibiotics. This will help stop the infection spreading to other people.

Serious strep A infections (invasive group A strep, iGAS) need to be treated in hospital with antibiotics.