



If your child attends daycare and has diarrhea:

Shigella is one of the 70 reportable conditions in Missouri. The Missouri Communicable Disease Investigation Reference Manual requires that any daycare attendee or staff member with laboratory confirmed Shigella should not be permitted to return to the facility until two consecutive negative stool cultures are obtained. The cultures must be obtained 24 hours apart, and 48 hours after the completion of antibiotic therapy, with results reported to the local public health department. The same standards apply to any other attendee or staff member who is symptomatic and has had contact with a confirmed case.

Cultures of symptomatic children can be done through your physician. Reports from private physicians are to be forwarded to Communicable Disease Control Services (CDCS). Fax 314-615-8346.

After receiving two negative stool culture results, CDCS will release the child back to daycare.

If you have any questions concerning Shigella, please contact the Saint Louis County Department of Health Communicable Disease Control Services Division at 314-615-1630.

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