

GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS (GROUP A STREP)

ABOUT GROUP A STEP

Group A Streptococcus (Group A Strep) is a bacteria that lives on a person's skin or in their nose and throat. Group A strep infections can cause mild to severe illness.

TRANSMISSION (SPREAD)

It spreads through close contact with a person who has group A strep. These germs can be passed on through coughs, sneezes or from a wound.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



Sore Throat



Rash around
mouth



Fever and
chills



Strawberry
tongue



Trouble
breathing



Severe
headache

CONDITIONS & COMPLICATIONS

Conditions:

- Strep throat
- Impetigo
- Scarlet fever

Complications:

- Pneumonia
- Meningitis
- Rheumatic fever

PREVENTION

The best way to prevent group A strep is to wash your hands often:

- After coughing and sneezing
- Before eating and preparing food

TREATMENT

- Group A strep may need treated with medicine prescribed by a doctor (antibiotics). Children can return to school 24hr after starting antibiotics
- Your doctor can decide the best treatment for you

CONTACT A DOCTOR

- Talk to a doctor if you or a family member have group A strep symptoms.
- It is important to get tested and treated the right way
- For more information- [Strep A - NHS](#)