

I can tell you what is done to prevent infection.

Your child will get medicine to prevent infections. In addition, here are some other things you and your family can do:

- Germs enter the body when hands touch the nose, mouth, or eyes. Your child should keep hands away from the face and mouth.
- Your child and everyone in contact with your child should wash hands often for 15 seconds with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands after coughing or sneezing, and throw tissues into the trash right away.
- For the first 6 weeks after the transplant, your child should stay away from crowded places, such as malls, movie theaters, and classrooms.
- Stay away from people who are sick. Ask friends and family to stay away when they are sick.
- Keep your child's body clean. Wash any cuts or scrapes with soap and water. See a doctor to treat more serious wounds. Your child should wear shoes (not flip flops or sandals) to avoid cuts on the feet.
- Brush and floss your child's teeth two times each day.
- If someone you live with gets sick, your child has already been exposed to his or her germs. Do not share dishes, cups, glasses, forks, or spoons at the same time. Your child should wash his or her hands often. If your child shows the same symptoms as the sick family member, call the Transplant Team right away.
- If your child has had close contact with someone who gets or has been near someone who gets chicken pox, measles, or mumps, call the Transplant Team right away.
- Immunizations also help prevent infections. 3 months after the transplant your child may be able to have a flu shot. After transplant, your child should not receive any live vaccinations, such as MMR, Varicella, or Nasal Flumist. The live virus can cause serious infections. Your child will need to get a flu shot every year.

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