

DIPHTHERIA

(Dip-thee-ree-a)

Diphtheria is caused by bacteria which can affect the lungs, breathing or skin.

It can be a serious illness that needs antibiotics to treat the infection.



BEING VACCINATED IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT THE DISEASE

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?



**Sore throat
or Neck swelling**



Fever



**Difficulty swallowing
or breathing**



**Infected or non-
healing sores**

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

From an infected person coughing or sneezing or contact with infected sores.



HOW CAN I PREVENT DIPHTHERIA?



cleaning and covering skin sores



encouraging hand hygiene



covering mouth when coughing and sneezing (cough etiquette)



ensure you and your family are vaccinated

Speak to your local clinic for more information.

If you have these symptoms or for more information, visit your local doctor

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