

Rash

The most common cause of rash in kids age 5y and younger is a viral illness. most of these types of rashes come on quickly and can be accompanied by cough or a runny nose or mild fever. Usually these rashes are non-painful and not very itchy. If your child has a very red rash that does not look like welts or hives and they are not running a high fever or acting ill, it is okay to observe them. The rash will most like go away within a couple of days, but may appear to look more red and bright when the skin is warmed, such as with baths and physical activity.

If the rash appears to look like large red raised welts, such as hives, this could still be a rash caused by a virus. However, if your child also has a fever, discolored or blistered welts, is on a new medicine or antibiotic, or is ill appearing, with or without facial or other swelling, then he or she should see the physician.

If the rash seems to be contained primarily to one area and it seems to be growing quickly, is warm to the touch and contained a pustule or pimple with pus underneath, you should make a call to your doctor.