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Quick Reference Guide for Teachers

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	Signs of infection: Fever, Persistent sore throat		

When To Get Help	<p>Seek immediate medical help if you see:</p> <p>Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rash • Itching/swelling (of face/tongue/throat) • Severe dizziness • Trouble breathing
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