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## **Health Department Confirms Second MIS-C Case in Douglas County**

There is a second confirmed case of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C) in Douglas County. The Douglas County Health Department reports a teenage boy with a brief history of a fever, sore throat and fatigue was hospitalized for several days in late May and tested positive for COVID-19.

The patient lives with several family members, including adults, at least one of whom has tested positive for COVID-19.

MIS-C is a condition believed to be related to COVID-19 and individuals who contract the syndrome have symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease, which may include a rash, fever, fatigue and abdominal pain.

“If you see any of these symptoms in your child, please seek immediate emergency care,” Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. “While MIS-C appears to be similar to Kawasaki disease, we have much to learn.”

This syndrome can lead to multiple organ inflammation and can be deadly. However, most children recover with medical treatment. Many children who acquire MIS-C have been around a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. As in other cases, the young person in this case also tested positive for the disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says doctors may provide medicines or fluids to make the patient feel better and others to treat inflammation. Most children who become ill can be treated in the hospital, but some will need to go to the pediatric intensive care unit.

“Your child will look sick if they have MIS-C,” Dr. Pour said. “Please don’t hesitate to seek care.”

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