Guide for Household Sore Throat Management

Person with group A streptococcus pharyngitis - assess household

Have there been ≥3 cases of GAS pharyngitis in this household in the last three months?

- or

Is there a personal, household or family history of rheumatic fever?

Yes

Throat swab all household contacts, with an emphasis on children and adolescents, regardless of whether symptoms of pharyngitis are present or not*

No

Are any household contacts GAS positive?

- No

Are any household contacts symptomatic?

- Yes

Consider swabbing all symptomatic household contacts with emphasis on children and adolescents

- No

See GAS recurrence algorithm on page 16

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No further action required

Yes

Have these household contacts had ≥3 cases of GAS pharyngitis in the last three months?

- Yes

Treat household contact as per Routine Antibiotic regardless of symptoms

See Table 2 on page 15
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- No

Abbreviations:
GAS = group A streptococcus

* If impractical to swab, consider empiric antibiotic treatment

Source: Group A streptococcal sore throat management guideline: 2019 Update