Sick Day Self-Management and Ketone Treatment

When blood glucose is more than 300 and/or feeling sick

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When your child is sick, ketones can form even if blood glucose is in target range. Check for ketones each day while your child is sick.

Ketone Level	Blood Sugar Testing	Ketone Testing	Food and Drink	Treatment	Insulins
Urine ketone amount: negative to trace Blood ketone amount: 0 to 0.5	Test with a blood glucose meter or continuous glucose monitor (CGM) every 3 hours.	 Test for ketones each time your child uses the bathroom or has a diaper change. Check every 3 hours while they're sick even if the results are negative. 	 extra water or carb-free fluids. Give at least 8 ounces (oz) every 30 to 60 minutes until ketones are negative. 	Your child's glucose may be higher than normal when they're sick. Monitor and treat blood glucose regularly.	 Keep the same mealtime and long-acting insulins as usual. Only correct blood sugar if it's been at least 3 hours since your last dose of bolus (fast-acting) insulin. If your next meal is 1 hour or less away, you can wait until mealtime to correct your blood sugar.
Urine ketone amount: small Blood ketone amount: 0.6 to 0.9	Test with a blood glucose meter or continuous glucose monitor (CGM) every 3 hours.	 Test for ketones each time your child uses the bathroom or has a diaper change. Check every 3 hours while they're sick even if the results are negative. 	 extra fluids: For blood glucose lower than 200: drink carb- containing fluids. For blood glucose over 200: drink carb-free fluids. Give at least 8 ounces (oz.) 	Give a ketone correction dose of fast- acting insulin in addition to blood glucose correction and carbohydrate bolus every 3 hours (as needed).	 Keep the same mealtime and long-acting insulins as usual. Only correct blood sugar if it's been at least 3 hours since your last dose of bolus (fast-acting) insulin. If your next meal is 1 hour or less away, you can wait until mealtime to correct your blood sugar.



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Urine ketone amount: moderate to large Blood ketone amount: 1.0 and above	Test with a blood glucose meter or continuous glucose monitor (CGM) every 3 hours.	 Test for ketones each time your child uses the bathroom or has a diaper change. Check every 3 hours while they're sick even if the results are negative. 	with extra fluids: as For blood as glucose lower than 200: drink carb- containing fluids.	Give a ketone correction dose of fast-acting insulin in addition to blood glucose correction and carbohydrate bolus every 3 hours (as needed).	 Keep the same mealtime and long-acting insulins as usual. Only correct blood sugar if it's been at least 3 hours since your last dose of bolus (fast-acting) insulin. If your next meal is 1 hour or less away, you can wait until mealtime to correct your blood sugar.

