Use personal protective equipment.
Perform an initial assessment and obtain a focused history.
If the child is unstable ("sick") (i.e., increased work of breathing with altered mental status, hypotension, or congestive heart failure with diminished peripheral perfusion) immediate intervention is necessary.
Administer high-concentration oxygen; ensure effective ventilation and oxygenation. Apply a pulse oximeter. Maintain oxygen saturation at above 95%.
Attach a cardiac monitor and identify the rhythm.
If the HR is slower than 60 beats per minute and accompanied by abnormal skin color, a decreased level of responsiveness, capillary refill below 2 seconds, or hypotension despite adequate oxygenation and ventilation, perform chest compressions.