



## Chickenpox (*Varicella*)

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

A student in your child's classroom has been reported as having Chickenpox. There is a possibility that your child may contract this disease. It is advisable that you watch your child for possible symptoms of this contagious illness. There is an immunization available.

Chickenpox ordinarily develops within 14-21 days after exposure. The most important symptom is the sudden appearance of a rash all over the body, but mostly on the trunk. There may be only a few spots or there may be many of them. Spots appear in crops which change from rose red to small, fluid-filled blisters, and then finally to dried crusts.

Should any of the above symptoms appear, call and consult with your physician. In order to guard the health of your child and others, keep your child at home. Report the illness to the principal.

Your child may return to school after at least 6 days after the appearance of the first crop of blisters. If there are any new, fluid-filled blisters in exposed areas after the 6 days, he/she should not return to school until the blisters are dry.

If your child is ill enough to be seen by a physician, a written clearance which states your child is well and can attend school should be brought to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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