

Problems

Report of rash illness with vesicles.

Action

1. Obtain name, DOB, address and telephone number of person with rash illness.
2. Obtain date of onset and whether an exposure to a known case occurred within the last 2 weeks
3. If appears consistent with chickenpox, provide isolation instructions. If person seeks medical care, advise to call ahead or take adult to notify Health Care Facility staff may have person with chickenpox needs to be seen.
4. If susceptible high risk contacts are identified (e.g., pregnant women, immunocompromised persons) advise that VIG given within 96 hours may be protective.
5. Advise high risk contacts who are susceptible or are unsure of varicella immunity status to seek medical care with appropriate isolation precautions.
1. Refer to DOPH Procedure D.2.7 - Exposure to Viral Exanthems - for follow-up procedures.
2. For hospitalized patients, refer to "Reporting Hospitalized Varicella Guidelines" below.
7. Notify Disease Control as soon as possible next working day.

Reporting Hospitalized Varicella Cases

1. Hospitalized patients with a primary or secondary diagnosis of varicella are to be reported to Public Health within one (1) working day of diagnosis.
2. Patients diagnosed in outpatient settings and those diagnosed with varicella zoster are not reportable at this time.
3. The Varicella Surveillance Worksheet form is to be completed and faxed to Disease Control at (951) 358-5102

Reporting Forms: [Varicella Death Investigation Instructions](#)
[Varicella Death Investigation Worksheet](#)
[Varicella Surveillance Worksheet](#)

Fax all reports to the Riverside County Public Health Department, Disease Control at: (951)358-5102