

COMMON CONCERNS IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Disease: **Chickenpox**

Symptoms: Slight fever, general feeling of illness, rash resembling water blister appearing after 3-4 days.
Scabs appear later.

Incubation Period: 2 to 3 weeks

Usual School Action and Comments on Communicability:

1. Exclude from school until vesicles are dry and crusted.
2. Contagious a few days before eruption and about six days after last crop of vesicles.

Source of Infection and Mode of Transmission:

Virus spread directly from person through discharge from the nose and mouth, also by discharges from the skin and mucous membranes of infected persons. Readily communicable. One attack usually confers immunity. Children on immuno-suppressive drugs at high risk.

Note: Children and adolescents should not be given aspirin containing medications unless specifically prescribed by physician. Good hand washing is the best prevention of disease