



Cassville R-IV School District

1501 Main Street, Cassville, MO

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Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that we have had a case of Chicken Pox diagnosed in the High School.

If your child has had fewer than two Chicken Pox vaccines (VXC), the Barry County Health Dept. recommends he/she receive a booster at this time to help reduce the risk of developing Chicken Pox or at least reduce the severity of the outbreak.

The incubation period for Chicken Pox is 10 to 21 days from time of exposure until symptoms develop, with the average time frame being 14 to 16 days. Many children will develop a low grade fever (100 to 102), headache, abdominal discomfort and loss of appetite 2 or 3 days before the rash appears. The rash starts as flat, red, itchy patches, usually on the abdomen and face first, that soon turn to fluid filled, blister-like vesicles.

The virus is contagious from approximately 2 days before symptoms develop until all vesicles have crusted over, usually in 6 to 8 days.

If your child develops any of these symptoms, please keep your child home from school and take him/her to the doctor to have the diagnosis confirmed. Please contact the school nurse if Chicken Pox is confirmed.

It is rare for children to come down with Chicken Pox after they have been vaccinated, but it can happen and we want to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Elaine Boles, L.P.N.
High School Nurse

Keith Robertson
High School Principal