

Disease: Chickenpox

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

Time from Exposure to Illness: 2 to 3 weeks

School Action and Comments on Communicability:

- 1. Exclude from school 6 days after the last blisters appear and all blisters are dry and crusted.**
- 2. It is also contagious 5 days before the blisters appear.**
- 3. Do not give aspirin.**

Source of Infection and How It Spreads: Virus spread directly from person through discharge from nose and mouth, also by discharges from the skin of infected persons. Highly communicable. It is unusual for a person to have chickenpox more than one time.