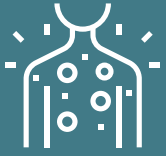


COMMON SYMPTOMS



ITCHY RASH



FEVER



HEADACHE



NO APPETITE



FATIGUE

CHICKENPOX

VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS

Porter County
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

Chickenpox is a highly contagious illness most common in children. It is usually a mild childhood rash illness, but it can cause serious complications, including pneumonia, inflammation of the brain tissue or inflammation of the coverings surrounding the brain and spinal cord, bacterial skin infections, and even death. Complications are more likely in older adults and those with weakened immune systems.

The Chickenpox Rash Over 15 Days



SPREAD

Chickenpox is spread from person to person through airborne nose and throat droplets or contact with skin lesions or lesion fluid. A person with chickenpox is highly contagious for at least 2 days before the rash appears until the rash has scabbed over.

PREVENTION

There is a safe and effective vaccine to prevent chickenpox. If you or your child have not had chickenpox, or have no record of having the chickenpox vaccine, talk to your health care provider to decide if you should receive the vaccine.

This is a **REPORTABLE** disease.

All cases must be reported to the Department of Health.

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