

ACTION TABLE FOR VARICELLA OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION AND CONTROL

Setting	Primary Action Threshold	Primary Actions	Secondary Action Threshold	Secondary Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare Facility* • Pre-School* • Kindergarten* • Elementary School* • Middle School* 	≥ 1 suspected case	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm case(s) as probable varicella 2. Identify and exclude acute case(s) (primary and breakthrough) 3. Identify vaccination status of contacts 4. Identify susceptible students and staff who are at high risk for developing severe disease or at high risk for complications 5. Surveillance for more cases 	≥ 5 cases within a 3 week period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm cases as probable varicella 2. Log information on the varicella outbreak form 3. Obtain specimens for lab confirmation 4. Identify and exclude all varicella cases (primary and breakthrough) 5. Notify parents and school staff 6. Identify and prophylax susceptible students and staff who are at high risk for developing severe disease or at high risk for complications.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School* 	≥ 1 suspected case	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm case(s) as probable varicella 2. Identify and exclude acute case(s) (primary and breakthrough) 3. Identify vaccination status of contacts 4. Identify susceptible students and staff who are at high risk for developing severe disease or at high risk for complications 5. Surveillance for more cases 	≥ 3 cases within a 3 week period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Recommend vaccination for susceptible contacts 8. Collaborate with Public Health to exclude susceptible students and staff 9. Report the outbreak to the Health Department
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Institutions for adolescents and adults: <li style="padding-left: 20px;">✓ Prison/Jail <li style="padding-left: 20px;">✓ Juvenile Hall <li style="padding-left: 20px;">✓ Long-term Care Facility <li style="padding-left: 20px;">✓ Homeless Shelters <li style="padding-left: 20px;">✓ College dormitories <li style="padding-left: 20px;">✓ Orphanage 	≥ 1 suspected case	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm case(s) as probable varicella 2. Identify and isolate acute case(s) (primary and breakthrough) 3. Identify vaccination status of contacts; Recommend vaccination for all susceptible persons 4. Identify and prophylax susceptible contacts at high risk for developing severe disease or at high risk for complications 5. Surveillance for more cases 	≥ 3 cases within a 3 week period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log information on the varicella outbreak form 2. Obtain specimens for lab confirmation 3. Notify all residents and staff 4. Identify and isolate all varicella cases (primary and breakthrough) 5. Screen residents and staff for susceptibility 6. Collaborate with Public Health to exclude susceptible staff 7. Vaccinate susceptible staff and residents 8. Report the outbreak to the Health Department

* See: Varicella (Chickenpox): Reporting and Outbreak Recommendations for Daycare and School