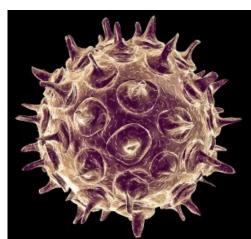
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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIVISION

Fast Facts About Varicella

- More commonly known as chickenpox
- The varicella vaccine became available in the US in 1995
- Before the vaccine, an average of 4 million people in the US got varicella each year
- Each year, the vaccine prevents more than 3.5 million cases of varicella
- People 13 and older who have never had chickenpox or received the vaccine should get two doses of the vaccine (at least 28 days apart)



- Vaccination with the varicella vaccine is the best prevention method
- The most common symptom is a rash that turns into blisters
- If you have a rash that is indicative of varicella, stay home and call your doctor. If diagnosed with varicella you must stay home until all lesions are dry and crusted.



