# Chickenpox

## Symptoms of chickenpox



**fever** 





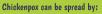


runny nose and cough

fatigue

itchy rash







Coughing and contact with nasal secretions



Contact with fluid from the blister rash

Chickenpox can be spread up to two days before the blister rash appears.

It can take up to two weeks for illness to develop following contact with a person with chickenpox.

### STOP THE SPREAD OF CHICKENPOX



### Keep sick kids at home

Children with symptoms of chickenpox should stay at home until all the blisters have dried up. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised people and less in immunised people



Wash your hands
well and often using soap, especially
after coughing, sneezing or contact with skin blisters

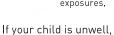


**Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue, throw the tissue in the bin then wash your hands



### Consider vaccination status

Queensland Health currently provides one free varicella vaccine for all children at age 18 months (with catch up vaccinations available for up to 20 years old). Two varicella vaccinations however, provide increased protection and minimises the chance of break through chickenpox in children. Please contact your doctor if you wish to discuss further vaccination as a protection for possible ongoing exposures.



# please see your doctor



Note to GOSTOT:
When requesting swab PCR for varicella,
please request a copy of the result goes to
West Moreton Public Health Unit
(specifying the child care centre/school)





### Pregnant women and people with lowered immunity

who have been in contact with a case of chickenpox should see their doctor as soon as possible for advice on potential intervention.

For more information see the QH fact sheet at: conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/23/Chickenpox-Varicella

We thank the school/child care centre and those affected for their assistance in this public health matter.

Please contact the West Moreton Public Health Unit for further information.

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