

Varicella Procedure Flowchart

School Nurse (SN) completes monthly Varicella survey

- Survey is sent to school nurses on the 30th of each month
- Deadline for completion is the 14th of the following month

School Nurse notifies LHD/DIDE of two or more cases

- Isolate infected cases
- SN begins Line List indicating first case
- SN notifies LHD of weekly aggregate totals every Friday

LHD notifies DIDE by using ILI/Chickenpox report form weekly (every Monday)

Varicella Surveillance Nurse is available to assist with specimen & data collection throughout the project.

School Nurse reports Outbreak (3 or more cases within a 21 day period) immediately to LHD, regional Epi, & Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (DIDE).

- SN conducts a preliminary investigation and requests assistance from the Varicella Team (VT)
- SN identifies cases and individuals "at risk"
- DIDE confirms outbreak & deploys Varicella Nurse (VSN)
- SN & VT determines size of outbreak & implements control measures
- SN notifies Parents/Guardians
- SN notifies Healthcare Provider
- SN & VSN complete a Case Report Form for each student that has chickenpox
- SN & VSN completes a Case Report Form for each control case
- SN, VST, reg epi monitors the status of the

SN notifies LHD immediately of Varicella outbreak.
LHD notifies regional epidemiologist & DIDE immediately.

The Varicella Surveillance Team is available to the school nurses for support & technical assistance by calling 304-558-5838. 1-800-423-1271 (toll free)