
Subject: Handling the exposure to Varicella in students

References: Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHA), Toxic and Hazardous Substances, Bloodborne Pathogens 1910.1030

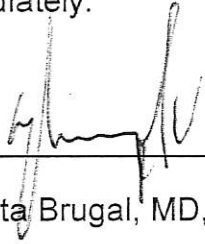
- I. **Rule:** Every student who is exposed to Chickenpox (either at home, community or at the hospital) or develops the disease should notify it immediately to the Dean of Students.
- II. **Purpose:** To prevent an outbreak of Chickenpox in the sensitive population.
 - A. **Definition:** Chickenpox is a viral disease highly transmitted by the respiratory track. In addition the transmission can occur by direct contact with secretions. A significant exposure can occur when there is contact with the mucous membranes or respiratory system with lesions o respiratory secretions of the patient.
- III. **Procedure**
 - 1) If the student develops the condition and has worked the previous three days of the appearance of the first vesicle. An epidemiologic research will be done.
 - 2) The student will be removed until the vesicles are dried.
 - 3) The following data will be obtained and analyzed in order to verify the diagnostic.
 - a) To establish if the exposure was significant.
 - b) Making a student list that mentions who was in contact three days before the eruptions of the lesions.
 - c) Obtaining Chickenpox history of each student exposed. The students that have suffered the disease are not considerate as sensible to it.
 - d) If there is an exposure and the student has not suffered Chickenpox Virus, verification if titles of antibodies have been performed, if not, order the sample with informed consent. Evaluate each case with its results in particular and if it is necessary remove

it starting on the tenth day until the 21st after the exposure. (See epidemiology enclosure)

- e) If the student exposed is pregnant, she should notify the Dean of Students and her private physician at once.
- f) This case will be documented on Investigation Sheets of Category I of the Department of Health and any case that arises.

IV. Effectivity

The disposition contained in this Executive Order will be effective immediately.



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Approved:

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