

DANGER!! CHICKEN POX PARTIES CAN BE DEADLY! DANGER!!

The National Reye's Syndrome Foundation Does Not Condone Chicken Pox Parties! They can be Deadly!

Sharing body fluids from other children puts your child at great and deadly risk, not to mention this is a Federal Offense according to Homeland Security. The intentional spreading of any virus, or viral infection, and the mailing or transporting of such, falls under Bio-Terrorism Laws and the FBI and Homeland Security are going to want to talk to those involved.

You have no idea what other conditions exist in that swab or sucker. Just don't do it! For the sake of your child's life, and the lives of other children, pregnant women, and Immuno-compromised Persons, -- just don't do it!

We have seen places on the Internet that offer chickenpox parties, and we know the FBI gets involved. Some people do this as a 'scam', charging unsuspecting and uneducated parents more than \$100.00 for a swab, or sucker, and parents have no idea what they are really getting. Is that swab or sucker HIV contaminated? Herpes contaminated? Some other disease contaminated? And you are going to risk giving it to your precious child?

Chickenpox is a very contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus. It causes a blister-like rash, itching, tiredness, and fever. Chickenpox can be serious, especially in babies, adults, and people with weakened immune systems. It spreads easily from infected people to others who have never had chickenpox or received the chickenpox vaccine.

Chickenpox spreads in the air through coughing or sneezing. It can also be spread by touching or breathing in the virus particles that come from chickenpox blisters. Most children with chickenpox completely recover. But it can be serious, even fatal, for babies, adolescents, and adults.

Signs & Symptoms

Anyone who hasn't had chickenpox or received the chickenpox vaccine can get the disease. Chickenpox most commonly causes an illness that lasts about 5-10 days.

The classic symptom of chickenpox is a rash that turns into itchy, fluid-filled blisters that eventually turn into scabs. The rash may first show up on the face, chest, and back then spread to the rest of the body, including inside the mouth, eyelids, or genital area. It usually takes about one week for all the blisters to become scabs.

Other typical symptoms that may begin to appear 1-2 days before rash include:

- * high fever
- * tiredness
- * loss of appetite
- * headache

Children usually miss 5 to 6 days of school or childcare due to their chickenpox.

NEVER give a child aspirin, or any aspirin containing product who has the chickenpox, or who might be exposed to chicken pox!

Risks Involved With Chicken Pox Parties:

- * A child will often get 300 to 500 blisters during the infection, but can have up to 1500; these crust over and fall off in one to two weeks.
- * Varicella can be severe and even fatal in otherwise healthy children (1 out of every 10,000 cases).
- * Chickenpox can cause pneumonia (23 out of every 10,000 cases).
- * Bacterial infections of the blisters (usually impetigo) occur commonly (up to 5% of cases).
- * Chickenpox is an important risk factor for severe invasive group A streptococcal disease, which can be fatal.
- * Other complications of varicella include decreased platelets, arthritis, hepatitis, and brain inflammation.
- * In immunocompromised persons of all ages, varicella may be fatal.
- * The virus which causes chickenpox remains in the body for life and may reappear as shingles, particularly in the elderly.
- * A woman who contracts chickenpox in early pregnancy can pass the virus to her fetus, causing abnormalities in 2% of cases.
- **Chicken Pox carries the Risk of Reye's Syndrome, as some RS cases involving Chicken Pox were supposedly not given aspirin products!**

