

# Do you suspect **Varicella?** (chickenpox) ?



## Think it? Confirm it. Report it.

Varicella is caused by the varicella zoster virus. It is spread by coughing, sneezing, and contact with skin lesions. An infected person can spread the disease up to 2 days before symptoms start and until all lesions are crusted. Persons with varicella should remain out of school or work until all lesions are crusted. Varicella can be prevented through vaccination.

Think about varicella when seeing persons with rash illness. Report all varicella cases to Maine CDC at **800-821-5821**.