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CHICKEN POX OUTBREAK AT LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ten students at Oak Valley Middle School, in the Poway Unified School District have been diagnosed with chicken pox. The onset dates for these cases range from 6/4 – 6/18/07. School officials have notified parents of all middle school students by e-mail. The school's last day of classes for the year was Wednesday, June 21, 2007.

These students started kindergarten before the chicken pox vaccine was a requirement for school entry so it is possible that they may be under-immunized for this disease. Parents are being encouraged to follow-up with their physicians to ensure their children are up to date for the chicken pox vaccine. Previously vaccinated people who are exposed to chicken pox may still develop illness but have milder symptoms.

The CDC recommends that all persons over one year of age receive 2 doses of Varicella vaccine.

For more information on chickenpox and immunizations in general, please call the HHSA Immunization Branch at 619-692-8661 or visit the website at www.sdiz.org.

Thank you for your continued participation.

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