

# Varicella Surveillance Project

## FAQ

1. Can nurses with more than one school, send a survey multiple times?

**Yes, surveys were designed to be accessed more than one time by the same nurse from any computer with internet access. Surveys are completed for each school a nurse services.**

2. Are nurses required to complete surveys for months where there are zero cases?

**Yes, part of the data that is collected includes dates and locations of where there are zero cases!**

3. Are nurses required to fill out surveys during the dates of school vacations?

**No, this project follows the school calendar and will go on hold during school vacations until students return to school.**

4. If a parent calls in and reports a case of Varicella (Chickenpox) to a school nurse, do you count that into your monthly total? And how does a nurse go about collecting the missing data for their case form?

**Yes, all reported cases from that school are added to your monthly totals for that school. Contact the Varicella nurse (Jeannie Shifflett) she will help you recover any missing data needed to complete your form(s).**

5. Do nurses need to complete the demographic information section each time a survey is completed?

**Yes, the demographic information section gives the Varicella team information about the submission, including zero cases.**

6. Do nurses report varicella case(s) immediately to the Varicella Surveillance Team?

**No, cases are reported immediately to the local health dept. Only outbreak cases are reported immediately to both Varicella Surveillance Team and the local health dept.**

7. Do we (as nurses) only count the clinically diagnosed children seen by a physician?

**No, if you think the child has symptoms suggestive of Varicella, the child is counted; the Varicella Team will follow up on the case to retrieve any new case information.**

8. Do we count parent reports of Varicella (Chickenpox)?

**Yes, parent reports of Varicella are counted towards your case totals. The Varicella Team will follow up on the case to retrieve any new case information.**

9. Will the nurses be collecting the specimens from the children or will the Varicella Outbreak nurse?

**The Varicella Outbreak nurse will be dispatched to your location to collect all specimens.**

10. Will there be a monthly survey due for the month of June?

**No, the May survey will be the last survey before summer break, but the May survey closure date will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The surveys will open again once the students are back for the fall session in September.**

11. Locations where a facility houses a pre-K in conjunction with elementary/middle/Jr./High schools, are the case(s) counted in your monthly totals?

**Yes, if the pre-K students are housed within the same facility, then they are counted into your monthly totals.**

12. Will information collected during the Varicella project be shared with the nurses?

**Yes, data will be shared in the form of aggregate totals without any identifiers.**

13. Do you count in your monthly case totals siblings of students that do not attend same school facility that have contracted varicella (chickenpox)?

**No, only students that are in your facility are counted in your totals. If you ever run into this situation please inform the Varicella Team and we will get the necessary information for you.**