

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION FOR DEVRY STUDENTS

Chicken pox

June 19, 2009

Subject: **Possible exposure to Chicken Pox**

Dear Student:

DeVry University was notified on Friday, June 19 that a student at the Addison campus has a confirmed case of Varicella (Chicken pox) and may have been infectious since Sunday, June 15. The student is recovering at home.

Our first and primary focus is the well being of the ill student, and any students, faculty members and staff who may have been exposed to the disease. With this in mind we are working to ensure the health and well being of everyone involved.

Watch for these symptoms:

- Itchy, blister-like rash – which general appears on the face, scalp and trunk, but can appear all over the body
- Fever
- Fatigue and weakness.

Accordingly, please be mindful of the following:

- The Center for Disease Control does advise that chicken pox is highly contagious and can be spread by coughing and sneezing, direct contact and through open skin lesions.
- Thorough hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of any infectious disease.
- A person is usually able to transmit chicken pox from 1-2 days before the onset of the rash, to six days after the appearance of the first lesion.
- The chicken pox virus is typically more severe when contracted by an adult.

If you experience any of the symptoms listed above, please contact your physician immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Glatchak in Student Services at 630-652-8601 or via email at dglatchak@devry.edu.

Sincerely,

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