

There have been a few cases of chickenpox reported in the Hamlin School District.

Students and staff should be excluded from school and activities until all pox have dried and scabbed over and no new pox have appeared for 24 hours.

Chickenpox is contagious 1-2 days before the rash appears and until all the blisters have scabbed over. Symptoms usually last about 4 to 7 days.

Symptoms of chickenpox usually happen in the following order:

Low grade fever

Feeling tired

Headache

Stomach-ache with decreased appetite

Skin rash that is very itchy and may look like small blisters

Bumps fill with a liquid that looks like milky water

Scabs after the blisters break

Skin that looks blotchy

Crusty spots that fade away