

**Tri-City Community School District #1  
324 West Charles Street  
Buffalo, IL. 62515  
(217)364-4035**

**Parents/Guardians:**

**This letter is to inform you that a student/students in your child's class has chickenpox. Chickenpox is contagious and spreads from person to person through direct contact with respiratory secretions or fluid from lesions. Incubation period can be 10-21 days. Early symptoms include onset of mild fever, general malaise and itchy rash that progresses to fluid filled lesions that last 3-4 days before scabbing over. Students are excluded from school until all lesions are scabbed over. Typically, chickenpox is a mild illness, but can affect some infants, teens, adults and people with weak immune systems more severely. Pregnant women who have not had chickenpox are also at a greater risk from complications if they contract the disease. If you have a child who is suspected of having chickenpox or falls into one of the high-risk categories, please contact your physician for more information. Students who have had the Varicella vaccine have a low risk of getting a mild case of chickenpox. A Varicella vaccine is available for those who have not had the disease. Your physician can provide information about the vaccine.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time at (217)364-4035 x17.**

**Sincerely,  
Kathy Getz, RN  
School Nurse**