## # GEMEINSAM ZUKUNFT GESTALTEN

## Chickenpox in daycare centres and schools

Information for parents

Chickenpox pathogen profile

Dear parents,

Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral infection that primarily affects children. It is typically characterised by a very itchy skin rash with red blisters and a slight fever. Pursuant to the Infection Protection Act and the RKI recommendation, people suspected of being ill are not permitted to enter communal facilities such as schools or nurseries.

An infected person is contagious for a period of two days before the first blisters appear until the blisters have healed. Since chickenpox is highly contagious, it can be assumed that any person who has been in contact with the disease and has not been vaccinated will be infected. As a general rule, a person who has been vaccinated twice against chickenpox or has had the disease is immune to infection.

Therefore, in the Aachen city region, the following persons who attend a community centre and are not immune to infection through vaccination or having had the disease are prohibited from entering.

- · Children in the same school class, group in the daycare centre
- In the case of inter-class care / inter-group supervision, several classes / groups may also be affected, such as in afternoon supervision.
- Siblings of a sick person

The entry ban applies for 16 days (average incubation period).

Children/adults who have been vaccinated or have already contracted chickenpox may continue to attend the centre. For this purpose, the centre will verify their status.

If a child (without illness or vaccination) is vaccinated within five days of the first contact, the child can return to the community centre immediately.

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