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Chickenpox (Varicella) Alert – Visitors

A possible case of chickenpox (varicella) has been identified in this facility. Chickenpox is a very contagious infection caused by a virus. Efforts have been made to contain this problem. However, there is a slight risk to visitors of being exposed to chickenpox.

Persons are generally protected from developing chickenpox if they have either had chickenpox in the past or have received 2 doses of varicella vaccine.

Chickenpox (varicella) can cause significant complications in people who are either pregnant or immunocompromised (i.e., HIV infection). Any woman who is pregnant should consider avoiding inmate visiting for the next 21 days.

All social visits on H-Unit have been cancelled until further notice. Legal visits can continue, but the Health Services Department recommends that only individuals that have been vaccinated or have a known, past history of chickenpox visit with the inmate population.

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