


MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 221

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TO: **All VSU Employees and Students**

RE: **Proactive Measures to Address Chickenpox Outbreak**

FROM: 
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University President

DATE: **October 1, 2024**

Varicella, also known as chickenpox, is an airborne disease making it highly contagious. Therefore, it is crucial that we take proactive measures to prevent further spread within the school and the community. As of September 24, 2024, the USHER has documented a total of 13 cases of chickenpox, nine of these involving Grade 9 students from VSUIHS. To address this situation, we are temporarily suspending face-to-face classes and shifting to online learning of Grade 9-Diamond to limit exposure. USHER will also conduct contact tracing, and the Office of the President will release another issuance based on their recommendations.

With this, you are advised to take the following actions:

1. **Wearing Face Masks:** Encourage the use of face masks to help reduce transmission.
2. **Vaccination:** Promote vaccination for unvaccinated students as soon as possible.
3. **Information Dissemination:** Ensure proper communication of information regarding chickenpox to both students and parents.
4. **Health Protocols:** Implement any necessary health protocols such as proper disinfection of classrooms to effectively manage this outbreak.

Your prompt attention to this matter is essential in ensuring the health and safety of our entire university community.

For your information and usual support.

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