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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 216**

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**TO: All VSU Employees and Students**

**RE: Chickenpox Advisory**

**FROM: DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES**  
University President

**DATE: September 27, 2024**

Please be informed of the attached **Chickenpox Advisory** provided for your reference, in coordination with the University Services for Health, Emergency, and Rescue (USHER). We highly encourage everyone to thoroughly review the advisory to remain well-informed about the recommended precautions and guidelines.

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.

**cc:** Head, USHER Public Health Unit  
Chief of VSU Hospital  
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September 25, 2024

**PROSE IVY G. YEPES, EdD**  
VSU President

**Thru: ELWIN JAY V. YU, MD, MPH**  
Chief of Hospital and VP for Admin and Finance



Dear Ma'am,

Good day!

I am writing to inform you of a concerning increase in chickenpox cases in our community. As of September 24, we have documented a total of 13 cases, with nine of these involving Grade 9 students from VSUIHS. 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.

To address this situation, we recommend temporarily suspending face-to-face classes and shifting to online learning of Grade 9-Diamond to limit exposure. Additionally, we suggest the following actions:

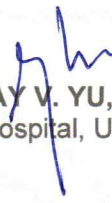
1. **Wearing Face Masks:** Encourage the use of face masks to help reduce transmission.
2. **Vaccination:** Promote vaccination for unvaccinated students as soon as possible.
3. **Information Dissemination:** Ensure proper communication of information regarding chickenpox to both students and parents.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

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response and the implementation of necessary measures to address this urgent issue.

Very truly yours,

  
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