Varicella Surveillance
September 2018

August Key Points

- 63 cases
- No outbreaks
- <1 year olds have highest incidence
- 49% cases not up-to-date/unknown immunizations

The number of reported varicella cases in September decreased from last month and was the same as the previous 5-year average. In general, more varicella cases are reported during the late winter and summer months.

The 63 varicella cases in September were reported among the 20 counties outlined in black. During the previous 3 months (June through August), the average county rate varied throughout the state.

From January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018, 616 varicella cases were reported in 50 counties. Since 2015, the annual number of reported varicella cases decreased. Thus far in 2018, it appears case counts will remain consistent with those seen during previous years.

In September, 15 (24%) of 63 total cases were associated with transmission within households and no cases were outbreak-associated. For most varicella cases, exposure to other known cases is never identified, and they are not able to be linked to outbreaks.

No varicella outbreaks were reported in September.

There have been 6 total varicella outbreaks reported in 2018, all of which occurred in schools (2 outbreaks) or correctional facility (4 outbreaks) settings.