Catch the flip side [1]

Week of:
Oct 11, 2019

Chickenpox: Do I need to stay home from class? [2]

Dear Alice,

I’ve come down with chickenpox. Should I stay home from classes even though 90 percent of adults have already had it and are thus immune? If I take great care washing my hands and avoiding coughing anywhere but into the crook of my arm, will I be reasonably assured of not spreading it?

Read more [2]

Molluscum still contagious after treatment? [3]

Hey Alice,

A couple of months ago, I realized that I had molluscum contagiosum. I went to a doctor and had that confirmed and I started the treatment and now the bumps are gone and there is nothing left. So I was wondering whether I could still be contagious or not because I am about to start seeing somebody and I need to make sure that I don’t have anything. :) 

Read more [3]

Attack of the contagious yawns [4]

Dear Alice,
In reading the answer to Why do we yawn? [5], I was eager to find out why, then, are yawns contagious? It really seems to be true that if you watch someone yawn, within moments, you will yawn as well. It's a very curious thing.

— Right under your nose


Dear Alice,

Is there any vaccine for avian flu? Any viral replication inhibitor? What would you suggest to buy?

— Person with family residing close to Russia and Turkey...

What causes laughter? [7]

Dear Alice,

I was wondering what exactly makes us laugh? And why is it so hard to stop ourselves from laughing?

Read more [7]
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