

Enanthem Through the Scab Stage		
Stage	Stage Duration	Characteristics
Enanthem		The first lesions to develop are on the tongue and in the mouth.
Macules	1–2 days	<p>Following the enanthem, a macular rash (lesions with a flat base) appears on the skin, starting on the face and spreading to the arms and legs and then to the hands and feet, including the palms and soles.</p> <p>The rash typically spreads to all parts of the body within 24 hours becoming most concentrated on the face, arms, and legs (centrifugal distribution).</p>
Papules	1–2 days	By the third day of rash, lesions have progressed from macular (flat) to papular (raised firm lesions).
Vesicles	1–2 days	By the fourth to fifth day, lesions have become vesicular (raised and filled with clear fluid).
Pustules	5–7 days	<p>By the sixth to seventh day, lesions have become pustular (filled with opaque or yellowish fluid) – sharply raised, usually round, and firm to the touch (deep seated).</p> <p>Lesions will develop a depression in the center (umbilication).</p> <p>The pustules will remain for approximately 5 to 7 days before beginning to crust.</p>
Scabs	7–14 days	<p>By the end of the second week, pustules have crusted and scabbed over.</p> <p>Scabs will remain for about a week before beginning to fall off.</p>

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