SYMPTOMS OF FIFTH DISEASE

- A bright red rash begins on the face producing a slapped cheek appearance.
- After 1-4 days a lacy-like rash appears on the arms, trunk, buttocks, and thighs.
- Rash usually lasts 1-3 weeks.
- The rash recurs and fluctuates in intensity with environmental changes such as temperature and sunlight.
- Other possible symptoms are fever, headache, fatigue, and aching of the joints.
- Can have mild respiratory or gastrointestinal illness without the rash.
- Persons are most infectious before the onset of illness and are unlikely to be infectious after onset of the rash or other symptoms.