Lesions appear: day 2 to 14, usually day 4 to 7
(Virus is detectable by viral culture or PCR when lesions are present.)

Lesions heal: day 18 to 26

Seroconversion (HSV-2 IgG antibodies develop): week 2 through 12

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