

MRSA: Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

MRSA is a type of staph infection that is resistant to certain types of antibiotics, making it harder to treat. It may cause skin infections that look like pimples or boils. Skin infections caused by staph may be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage.

Anyone can get a staph infection. People are more likely to get a staph infection if they have: skin-to-skin contact with someone who has a staph infection; contact with items and surfaces that have staph on them; openings in skin such as cuts and scrapes; and poor personal hygiene.

Things to do...

- Cover any sore with a clean bandage
- Wash your hands often!
 - Wash your hands after you touch a sore
 - Wash your hands with waterless hand cleaner if there are no soap and water around
- Go to a doctor or clinic if you have any sores like the ones in the pictures
- Don't share personal items like...
 - Towels
 - Razors
 - Bar soap, etc
- Maintain routine cleaning of facility with EPA registered solution

If you have questions...

Call 645-1474 or

Go to www.publichealth.columbus.gov



Treatment for a staph infection may include taking an antibiotic or having a doctor drain the infection (never try to drain it yourself).

If you are given an antibiotic, be sure to take all of the doses, even if the infection is getting better.

Do not share antibiotics with other people or save them to use later.

MRSA can be treated.



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