

MRSA

School _____

Date _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The following information is about Staph and MRSA (methicillin –resistant Staphylococcus aureus)

- *What is Staph?*

Staph is a type of bacteria. It may cause skin infections that look like pimples or boils. Skin infections caused by Staph may be red, swollen, and painful or have pus or other drainage.

- *Who gets Staph?*

Anyone can get a Staph infection. People are more likely to get a Staph infection if they have:

1. Skin-to-skin contact with someone who has a Staph infection.
2. Contact with items and surfaces that have Staph on them.
3. Openings in their skin, such as cuts or scrapes.
4. Poor hygiene.

- *How are Staph infections treated?*

Treatment for a Staph infection may include taking an antibiotic or having a physician drain the infection.

- *How do we keep Staph infections from spreading?*

We are encouraging the students and staff to practice good hand-washing techniques and to wash their hands often. Custodians/housekeeping are doing their part to keep our schools clean. Please follow up at home as well, so we can keep all of our students healthy and infection free.

Sincerely,

Reference: CDC