

Information about Methicilin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)

MRSA is a type of bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics. MRSA spreads through close skin-to-skin contact, poor hygiene, openings in the skin such as cuts and abrasions, and the like. The best preventative measures, as described by the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), are simple hand washing, daily laundering of personal articles, and hot drying of personal clothing items. In addition, students should refrain from sharing personal items, such as clothing, footwear, and towels.

To date the District has confirmed two isolated cases of MRSA involving students at the high school. Beginning in September, the District initiated all precautionary measures recommended by the ACHD and intensified the normal disinfection schedule.

The West Allegheny School District encourages students who may have a suspicion of a non-subsideing skin irritation to seek further medical treatment at a medical facility of their choice and inform the school.

For further information from the Allegheny County Health Department, please visit:
<http://www.achd.net/factsheet/mrsa.htm> or <http://www.achd.net/pr/pubs/htm/mrsa.htm>.

Please help us to protect your child and stop the potential spread of MRSA in our schools. If you have any questions regarding MRSA please contact your school nurse (see contact information below). Thank you for your cooperation with these issues.

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