

# MRSA

## What is MRSA?

- MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus) is a type of bacteria that may cause a skin infection
- It is treatable but resistant to some antibiotics

## What does MRSA look like?

- A spider bite, boil, impetigo, rash or turf burn

## How do you get MRSA?

- Touch the infection of someone with MRSA
- Sharing personal items such as razors, towels, sports equipment, bar soap
- Touch items and surfaces that have MRSA on them
- Live in crowded conditions and/or have poor personal hygiene

## How is MRSA Treated?

Your Health Care Provider may do any or all of the following:

- May prescribe antibiotics
- Drain the wound
- Help you reduce the amount of bacteria on your skin

## How can I keep MRSA from spreading?

- Wash your hand often or use an alcohol based sanitizer
- Keep your cuts and scrapes clean and covered with bandages
- Do not touch other people's cuts or bandages
- Do not share personal items like razors or towels

**If you have questions contact the Northeast Tri County Health District Office near you.**



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