

# A CHILD'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST MRSA: A WELL-INFORMED MOM.



MRSA is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections. You can get MRSA through direct contact with an infected person or by sharing personal items, such as towels or razors that have touched infected skin. If you or someone in your family experiences these signs and symptoms, cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional. It is especially important to contact your healthcare professional if signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection are accompanied by a fever.

## What are the signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection?

Most regular staph skin infections, including MRSA, appear as a bump or infected area on the skin that may be:

- > Red
- > Swollen
- > Painful
- > Warm to the touch
- > Full of pus or other drainage
- > Accompanied by a fever



**For more information, please call  
1-800-CDC-INFO or visit [www.cdc.gov/MRSA](http://www.cdc.gov/MRSA).**