

Exposure Notice to Families – MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus)

Dear Family:

Your child may have been exposed to **MRSA**. A bacterial skin infection.

What are the symptoms? Pain, redness, swelling and fluid or pus in the affected area.

How is it spread? Drainage from an infected person or contaminated items gets under the skin of a non-infected person (cut, scrape). Encourage children to wash hands often and avoid contact with other peoples wounds or personal items..

When do symptoms start? Weeks to months after exposure.

Need to keep child home? Yes, until drainage can be contained with a dry, clean dressing, and note from Medical Provider.

If your child presents with these symptoms notify your Health Care Provider to receive necessary treatment. If your child is diagnosed with MRSA please notify your Head Start/ECEAP teacher.

Staff _____ Phone _____

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