



MRSA SKIN INFECTIONS

PREVENTION TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **Encourage frequent hand washing!** - after play, before eating, and, as always, after using the restroom. Alcohol-based sanitizers can be effective for periodic use, but should not replace the use of soap and water.
- Use bath time and clothing change to interact with your child and inspect skin areas for any unusual rash, redness or breaks. Report any signs of infection to his/her doctor
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean with soap and water and covered with a bandage
- If area is unable to be covered, contact sports or activities should be avoided until infection has healed.
- Encourage your child to avoid touching bandage and affected area.
- Encourage child to keep fingers out of his eyes, nose and ears.
- Do not share personal items such as blankets, soiled towels or clothing. Take soiled items home to be washed.
- Maintain a clean environment. Pay attention to cleaning of play equipment after use with a diluted-bleach solution or germicidal disinfectant. This includes tables, play mats, sleeping cots, faucets, doorknobs, personal sports gear, such as helmets and toys. For safe and effective use, it is important to use products as directed - read the label!
- **BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov
Questions and Answers about MRSA in Schools - <http://www.cdc.gov/MRSAinSchools/>
New York State Department of Health – www.nyhealth.gov
Summit County Public Health – Communicable Disease Division @ 330-375-2988 X3688