



"Serving the Educational Needs of Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead"

Steel Valley School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This is to inform you that a staff member in the high school / middle school building has been diagnosed with Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA). Our District practice is that anyone presenting with the signs or symptoms, or have been diagnosed with MRSA, must have a note from their health care provider to return to work/school.

The Steel Valley School District has begun the process of disinfecting and using precautions to provide a safe clean environment for all students and staff members to the best of their ability. The county health agency has been notified and will advise us if any additional precautions need to be taken.

MRSA is a type of bacterial infection commonly found on the skin. This common bacterium is a treatable infection that responds to specific antibiotics.

The signs and symptoms, mode of transmission and precautions are as follows:

Signs and Symptoms: MRSA skin infections may look like a bump of infected area on the skin and can be red, swollen, painful, warm to touch or have drainage.

Mode of Transmission: MRSA is usually transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact or contact with shared items or surfaces that have come in contact with someone else's infection (e.g., towels, used bandages).

Precautions:

- 1) Practice and encourage good hand washing for a minimum of fifteen (15) seconds. Use alcohol-based sanitizers when soap and water are not directly accessible.
- 2) Use of proper hygiene. Do not share personal items (e.g., towels, clothing).
- 3) Keep wounds that are draining or have pus covered with clean, dry, bandages.

Should your child present with any of these signs or symptoms, we recommend that you consult your health care provider. Any staff or student that has been diagnosed must have a note from their health care provider to return to school.

The Steel Valley School District will adhere to the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control for schools which can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mrsa/community/schools/index.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at: (412-464-3600 x 2530)

Sincerely,

Steel Valley School District