



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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a national initiative to equip moms with the resources and information needed to protect their families from MRSA skin infections.

Commonly referred to as staph, 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.

If you or someone in your family experiences these signs and symptoms, especially if accompanied by a fever, cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional.

### 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).**

