
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF MRSA INFECTIONS
IN CHILDCARE SETTINGS AND PRE-SCHOOLS

Recommendations for managing MRSA infections in childcare / school settings with pre-school age children are similar to the guidelines provided for school age children. However, because pre-school children may have more frequent direct skin contact and less optimal skin and hand hygiene, there may be greater possibility for person-to-person transmission. Public Health recommends that pre-school children with MRSA infection be allowed to participate in childcare / school programs, as long as the following conditions are met:

- Parents provide a note from a doctor stating the diagnosis and confirming that the child is appropriate for participation in the program.
- The wound is completely covered
- The wound is not draining and does not require dressing changes during the time the child is present at the center or program
- There is no outbreak or evidence of MRSA spread in the center.

Additional Resources

Further information about MRSA can be found at:

CDC: MRSA in Schools

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa_in_schools.html

CDC: Community-Associated MRSA Information for the Public

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa_ca_public.html

CDC: MRSA educational materials

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa_ca_skin.html