

MRSA – Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

What is MRSA?

MRSA is a mutation of the staph infection, a bacterial infection, which can be a serious threat if it is not treated promptly and thoroughly. MRSA is resistant to first-line antibiotics in the penicillin family such as methicillin and amoxicillin. In the past, most MRSA cases were accounted for in hospital settings among people with weakened immune systems. Now, MRSA has spread outside of hospitals and into prisons, gyms, and locker rooms among otherwise healthy people. There are an increasing number of outbreaks that have occurred in various schools. Articles have been written concerning MRSA in magazines including Sports Illustrated and Men's Health, and news stories are being reported throughout the media.

What are some characteristics of MRSA?

Early signs of a staph infection may be a small, red bump resembling a bug bite or pimple on the body. Common areas where MRSA may be found are in exposed areas such as arms and legs. It is also found in areas that sweat more including the underarm, buttocks, and groin. The pimple-like bump quickly becomes painful, red and enlarged. There can also be several in one area. MRSA acts quickly, often causing flu-like symptoms such as fever and vomiting. It is a serious infection that can also be deadly.

How is MRSA contracted?

MRSA bacteria can be carried by healthy people, living on their skin and noses. MRSA is transmitted from skin to skin contact among people with cuts and scrapes, but it can also be spread through contact with fitness equipment, dressing areas, wrestling mats, showers, restrooms, towels and clothing.

What can be done to kill MRSA?

Buckeye offers several products with an MRSA kill claim as well as other antibiotic strains of Staphylococcus Aureus:

- Lemon, Mint and Pine Quat™
- Quat-64™
- Quat-128™
- Quat-256™
- Sanicare TBX™
- Supergard™
- Terminator™

*For broad area cleaning including showers and locker rooms, use Buckeye Terminator with the Smart Cart™ or Foam Gun to clean quickly and effectively.