

From Mr. White to

CA-MRSA Information and Materials

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RE: Community Acquired Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (CA-MRSA)
Information and Educational Materials

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Good morning. The unfortunate passing of a Virginia high school student this past Monday has awakened the consciousness of the public to bacteria known as Community Acquired Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (CA-MRSA). While MRSA has largely been contained within the health care community, a different strain of the bacteria has spread to the general public. The significant majority of the reporting on these cases has been accurate, yet there continues to be some misinformation disseminated. In an effort to provide you with accurate information directly from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I have provided you a web link which will take you directly to the CDC website and information specific to CA-MRSA. On the website you will find a variety of educational materials, prevention and control strategies along with posters you may download or purchase for your locker rooms and other public areas within your athletic facilities. The link to the CDC website is:

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

It is our hope that you will take a moment to visit the CDC website and review the precautions and procedures you are already taking with regard to this and other health considerations. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.