

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA)

Recent reports on the prevalence of MRSA, and recent unfortunate student deaths associated with MRSA have prompted much telephone activity and many questions regarding available data in Michigan. Additionally questions regarding available educational resources have been received. Individual case reports of MRSA are not reportable in Michigan; therefore prevalence rates for either Healthcare Associated – MRSA (HA-MRSA) or Community Associated –MRSA CA-MRSA) is unknown. Outbreaks, defined as “three or more culture positive cases in a facility or in a community that are epidemiologically linked where transmission/spread is plausible” are however, reportable to the local health jurisdiction.

MDCH has two educational brochures on prevention of MRSA and can be located as follows:

MDCH MRSA Prevention and Control Tri-Fold Brochure is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MRSA_brochure_FINAL_167898_7.pdf

MDCH MRSA Prevention and Control Poster is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MRSA_poster_FINAL_167902_7.pdf

Treatment guidelines for CA-MRSA

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/ar/CAMRSA_ExpMtgStrategies.pdf

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a website that provides information on prevention and control for both HA-MRSA and CA-MRSA,

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa.html and

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

Media Information <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/community/media.htm>

Massachusetts State Health- Schools and MRSA - also has translated materials for MRSA in a variety of languages:

http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/antibiotic/mrsa_school_health.htm

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The CDC has released a new website that will help answer many questions about management of MRSA in Schools. The website is listed here below. This was not included on the HAN last Thursday, as it recently became available.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/MRSAinSchools/>