



MRSA (Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) is an extremely potent form of a very common bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*, and is resistant to common antibiotics. In recent years it has become much more common, having the most effect on people with already compromised immune systems.

Information on MRSA:

<http://publichealth.portlandmaine.gov/ca-mrsa.pdf> (PDF) Community-Associated MRSA Factsheet from the Portland Public Health Division

[Printable MRSA factsheet](#) (PDF) from Maine CDC

[Printable guidelines for sports teams](#) (PDF) from Maine CDC

http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/disease_methicillin-resistant.htm -- A resource created and maintained by Maine Centers for Disease Control.

<http://www.tpchd.org/page.php?id=364> -- A MRSA toolkit focusing on middle and high school aged children.

http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/antibiotic/antibiotic_home.htm -- A website dedicated to antibiotic resistant medications, featuring frequently asked questions for school health, athletic and medical professionals.



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