

The Facts About MRSA Skin Infections (ANSWERS)

Directions: Please choose the best answer choice.

1. What is MRSA?
 - A type of staph that is resistant to certain but not all antibiotics
 - A new, deadly super bug that is sweeping across the nation
 - A highly contagious, flesh-eating, costly and difficult to treat infection
 - Don't know
2. Who gets CA-MRSA infections?
 - Only the very old, very young and very ill
 - Only athletes in close-contact sports, military recruits, and prison inmates
 - Anyone
 - Don't know
3. How serious are CA-MRSA infections?
 - Can be minor and may be easily treated; however some can become more serious and cause infections such as infections of the bloodstream, surgical sites, or pneumonia
 - CA-MRSA infections are often deadly
 - Serious and often require staying in a hospital for many nights
 - Don't know
4. How common are MRSA infections?
 - They are not common this is a new phenomenon
 - They are one of the most common causes of skin infections in the United States
 - The majority of infections are only occurring among children and athletes
 - Don't know
5. What are the signs and symptoms of CA-MRSA infection?
 - CA-MRSA infections often present as mild skin or soft tissue infections that generally start as small red bumps that resemble pimples, boils or spider bites.
 - Big open sores that cause severe swelling and a great deal of bleeding
 - There are no signs and symptoms
 - Don't know
6. How can we protect our selves from CA-MRSA infections?
 - Wear masks and gloves
 - Practice good hand hygiene
 - Require those infected to stay in isolation and not attend work, school, daycare etc.
 - Don't know
7. How are CA-MRSA infections spread?
 - By spider bites
 - By direct contact with the hands, skin, drainage, or secretions from a person who is infected or colonized or through contact with contaminated surfaces, personal items, or equipment
 - By coughing and sneezing
 - Don't know
8. What is the best way to prevent the spread of CA-MRSA?
 - There is nothing we can do to prevent CA-MRSA infections
 - Intense cleansing of the facility on a daily basis with bleach

- Keep wounds that are draining or have pus covered with clean, dry bandages
- Don't know

9. Is it possible for a MRSA skin infection to come back after it is cured?
 Yes No Don't know

10. Should my location be closed if someone has CA-MRSA?
 Yes No Don't know

11. Which of the following signs and symptoms of illness indicate the need for isolation? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temp of $\geq 100^{\circ}$ F w/other sign of illness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe coughing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Difficult or rapid breathing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Untreated infected skin patches, unusual spots or rashes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yellowish skin or eyes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stiff neck with elevated temp. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redness of the eye or eyelid, thick and purulent (pus) discharge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sore throat or difficulty swallowing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vomiting more than once or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation |

Hand Hygiene Survey

12.-13. Answers will vary. However, frequent hand washing is the most effective method of preventing the spread of staph.

14. During which of the following activities should hand washing be performed? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior to starting the work day | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After changing a diaper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Before feeding a child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After wiping a child's nose |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After feeding a child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After taking off disposable gloves |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If hands are visibly dirty | |