



A CHILD'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE
AGAINST MRSA:
A WELL-INFORMED MOM.

MRSA is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections. What are the signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection? It usually starts as a bump or infected area on the skin that appears red or swollen, has pus, is warm to the touch, or just looks infected. If you or someone in your family experiences these signs and symptoms, cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional. It is especially important to contact your healthcare professional if signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection are accompanied by a fever.



**For more information, please call
1-800-CDC-INFO or visit www.cdc.gov/MRSA.**