

# MRSA/Staph Infection

## Information for Correctional Residents

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**MRSA (mersa) is the short name for a staph infection that is very hard to get rid of. Regular drugs won't kill this bug. It can cause:**

- Skin infections
- Boils
- Other serious infections

**You can cure MRSA by:**

- Draining the pus
- Warm soaks
- Sometimes antibiotics are needed

**MRSA infections are spread by:**

- Touching infected people or their clothes or linens

**To stay healthy:**

- Wear a shirt when using exercise equipment
- Wash your hands a lot
- Take regular showers
- Keep your living space clean
- Have your clothes and bed linens laundered regularly

**To stop the spread of infections:**

- Don't touch other people's wounds
- Don't scratch your skin
- Don't share clothing, towels or personal items
- Don't have sex with other inmates
- Don't use injection drugs
- Don't get tattoos in prison

**Seek medical attention if you develop:**

- A boil
- Red or inflamed skin
- Other medical problems



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