# The battle between Students and Staph!



# Staphylococcus aureus that is, **Staphylococcus** aureus that is, **Staph**" or "M.R.S.A."

#### What is M.R.S.A.?

M.R.S.A. is a type of infection caused by the bacteria Staphylococcus aureus. These bacteria are commonly carried on the skin or in the nose of healthy people. Some strains of staph are resistant to a class of antibiotics such as methicillin (a synthetic form of penicillin) and thus called Methicillin-Resistant Staph aureus (or M.R.S.A.).

#### Who gets M.R.S.A.?

S. aureus (or Staph) including M.R.S.A. can be spread among people having close contact with an infected person. M.R.S.A. is almost always spread by direct physical contact and not through the air. Transmission may also occur through indirect contact by touching objects such as towels, clothes, door knobs, workout areas, or sports equipment contaminated with the staph.

#### Where will I find M.R.S.A.?

Staph bacteria can live on the skin or in the nose of healthy individuals without causing any symptoms of disease. This is known as colonization. However, injury to the skin such as a scrape or cut can allow the bacteria to enter the skin and cause an infection.

M.R.S.A. is not confined to just healthcare facilities. Cases of M.R.S.A. infection in the community setting (e.g. Day care centers, schools, prisons) are called Community-Associated M.R.S.A. and have been on the rise and show no sign of slowing.

### Now that you know the facts, what can you do to minimize the risks?

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  - Will not "Sting" Even when applied to dry, cracked hands.
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20-0724	Standard 7.1 oz. Foaming Pump Bottle	24 case
20-1006	High Volume 1000 mL (33.8 oz Cartridge Refill)	6 case
20-07WB	Wall Mount Bracket for 7.1 oz Bottle	1 each
20-100WB	Wall Dispenser for 1000 mL (33.8 oz Cartridge)	1 each

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