

STATE GUIDELINES ON PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF STAPH INFECTIONS IN SCHOOLS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Educate everyone about hand hygiene.
- Make sure everyone knows whom to report new infections to.
- Make training material available to everyone.
- Notify parents of other children with due respect to infected students' privacy.
- Make sure the person responsible for changing bandages know how.
- Make sure that training is appropriate to language and educational level.

TREATMENT

- Make someone responsible for keeping a daily log of infected people.
- Ensure that people responsible for changing bandages have all needed supplies.
- Infected people not excluded from school should be restricted from situations that might bring the infection in contact with others.

HYGIENE

- Everyone is required to wash hands at appropriate times and places.
- Make sure liquid soap and paper towels are available.
- Ensure alcohol-based hand sanitizer is provided where soap and water are not available.
- Make sure people do not share personal items (towels, soap, razors, nail clippers, make-up and shampoo).

ENVIRONMENTAL SURFACES

- Make sure cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces has been done with EPA-approved disinfectant.
- Make sure the exam table cover in the school nurse's office is removed or the table top is disinfected between students.
- All touch surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily with an EPA-approved disinfectant (doorknobs, countertops, phones, desktops, exercise equipment).
- A cleaning log should be kept.