

SCHOOL MESSENGER BROADCAST TO ALL PARENTS SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 10:30 AM

Hello, this is Limestone Community High School calling to inform you, not alarm you.

We learned last evening that one of our student athletes in our football program has a confirmed case of MRSA.

What parents need to know about MRSA:

- MRSA is a type of staph infection that is resistant to many antibiotics making it difficult to treat.
- Skin infections caused by staph may be red, swollen, painful, and have drainage. Cover any wound until a diagnosis can be made.
- If left untreated, MRSA can progress to a serious illness.
- MRSA is usually spread by skin-to-skin contact or by direct contact with the infected wound. It may also be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces or sports equipment.
- Students should report possible infections to parents, physician, coach, and athletic trainer.

We have been in communication with the Peoria County Health Department and have been taking steps that they recommend, such as disinfecting classrooms, disinfecting locker rooms, and promoting hand washing.

This notification is to inform you and make you aware, it is not cause for alarm.

For more information about MRSA, we have created a link titled "Health News" located under the "FOR FAMILIES" tab on our home page.