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Dear Superintendent:

Due to heightened awareness of methacillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), schools are receiving increased reports of individuals in their population who have been diagnosed with this condition. We have been notified that joint recommendations on the prevention and control of MRSA infection in the school setting are being issued by New York State Departments of Education and Health. These recommendations will be distributed to all school districts in New York State and will be posted on the New York State Department of Health website at www.nyhealth.gov.

Clusters and/or individual cases of MRSA involving contact sports/activities (i.e. wrestling) should be reported to the Nassau County Department of Health at 516-571-3471. In such instances, Nassau County Department of Health recommends that Districts also notify their school population (i.e. parents/guardians, students and staff).

If you have additional questions or concerns, please call 516.571.1821.

Sincerely,

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Acting Commissioner

Enc (4) NYSDOH Brochure: CA-MRSA in Athletic Settings, Student Version
NYSDOH Brochure: CA-MRSA in Athletic Settings, Coaches Version
NYSDOH Fact Sheet: CA-MRSA
Sample Notification letter

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