

Laundry Sanitizer Helps Control MRSA

For several years Damon Industries has been helping local schools prevent and control infections caused by MRSA, or methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus. Once confined to hospitals, this bacteria has been increasingly found in the community at large. The infection usually begins as a skin infection resulting from a cut or scrape. However it sometimes spreads and may become life threatening. MRSA is transmitted by skin contact and thus loves places where lots of people are in close contact. The most important factors in preventing its spread are good hand washing practices, not sharing personal item such as towels and cleaning shared equipment that has skin contact. One area proven to be difficult to control is the laundering of uniforms that may be contaminated with wound drainage and blood. Bleach is an answer, however it is harsh on fabrics. After recognizing the need for a better solution, Damon Industries developed a laundry sanitizer based on the best sanitizing formulation available. The new Laundry Sanitizer has received EPA approval of its efficacy against MRSA. Response from school athletic departments has been positive. The new product will begin shipping next week. For more information, please contact Damon Industries at 330-821-5310 or mrsa@DamonQ.com.



What can parents do to help their schools prevent MRSA outbreaks?

Teach children good hygiene, to wash their hands, not to share personal items like towels, and to wipe off shared sports equipment with disinfectant before and after use. If laundering uniforms at home, wash in hot (140° or greater) water or use bleach or laundry sanitizer. Dry items completely on a hot setting before wearing. Watch for skin infections and treat them appropriately. For more information visit the CDC website at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_MRSA_AthletesFAQ.html

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