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In light of the recent news reports of antibiotic – resistant staph infections please be advised the Riverhead Central School District has reviewed the cleaning practices as a precaution to further reduce the possibility of a member of the school community becoming infected.

We currently clean the bathrooms, locker rooms, weight room, wrestling mats and other “high touch surfaces” with the Johnson cleaning product, Virex. Virex is a one step quaternary disinfectant cleaner which meets the OSHA BloodBorne pathogen standards for HBV and HIV. It also kills micro-organisms including MRSA which has been linked to the recent news reports of staph infections. These cleaning procedures have been reviewed with the Custodial staff to ensure the surfaces are being cleaned properly. To further reduce the possibility of this infection, hand sanitizer dispensers will be installed in the locker rooms, wrestling room and weight room. Signs have been posted to remind all to wash their hands and clothes to protect themselves and to reduce the possibility of infection. We remind all not to walk on the wrestling mats with shoes and cleats.

The Athletic Director has attended a Section XI workshop and has communicated with all coaches and physical education staff to discuss the recent staph infection news reports and to review basic hygiene procedures for students. He states there have been no reports of staph infections by the Riverhead staff, coaches or student athletes.

The Centers for Disease Control reports transmission occurs with direct contact with an infected person or contaminated items, such as sporting equipment or clothing. Basic hygiene is very effective as a precaution in reducing the possibility of contracting an infection.

REMEMBER!

- Wash your hands.
- Cover cuts and wounds.
- Clean your uniform and equipment.
- Do not share razors, towels or uniforms.