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Experts Offer Steps to Avoid ‘Superbug’ Infections

By DAVID KLEPPSTAD & JARALYN LYLE
Santa Cruz Sentinel (831)

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Experts are advising people to take the ubiquitous “superbug” bacteria seriously and to stop spreading them by regularly washing their hands.

(AP Photo/Tom Stoddard)


development of penicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is spreading around the United States and beyond, with experts warning that the number of MRSA cases is increasing.

“MRSA is spreading in every direction,” said Dr. Benjamin Chang, chief of infectious diseases at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

Chang said MRSA can cause serious infections, including pneumonia, bloodstream infections, and skin infections, and can be deadly. He said MRSA is spread through skin-to-skin contact or contact with contaminated surfaces or items.

The most common site of MRSA infection is the nose, where the bacteria can linger for years without causing symptoms. However, when MRSA enters the bloodstream, it can cause severe infections and sepsis, which can be deadly.

MRSA is also resistant to many antibiotics, which makes it difficult to treat. Some strains of MRSA are resistant to all but one or two antibiotics, making them extremely dangerous.

In 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that MRSA infections were responsible for nearly 80,000 hospitalizations and 18,000 deaths each year in the United States.

According to the CDC, the most common sites of MRSA infection are the nose, skin, and bloodstream. MRSA can also cause infections in the eyes, ears, and respiratory tract.

The CDC estimates that about 1 in 25 patients admitted to a hospital each year develop an MRSA infection, and that about 3.7 million people in the United States are colonized with MRSA, meaning they carry the bacteria but do not have an infection.

To prevent MRSA infections, the CDC recommends that people wash their hands经常ly, especially after being around someone who has a MRSA infection or has had recent contact with contaminated items.

The CDC also recommends that people avoid contact with the skin of someone who has a MRSA infection, and that people avoid touching their own skin when they have a MRSA infection.

In addition, the CDC recommends that people avoid sharing personal items, such as towels, and that they not share medical equipment, such as intravenous lines.

This information is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, visit the CDC website or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.
**CAMPUS**

October 29, 2007

Residence Life: A Home Away From Home

BY MICOLE EDWARDS

As students are accepted to Howard university, they get prepared to embark on an experience they have never known.

From newness to being one of the crowded masses, students enjoy various activities to build their relations with each other, as well as feel at ease. ResLife has assembled a priority to get students living on campus.

There are three programs that are specifically under the Housing and Entrepreneurship Cluster. Regardless of a student's major at Howard, any resident with the desire, interest or ability can join the Meridian Cluster, the Tubman Cluster, or the Witness Cluster. In the program, participants learn what it takes to be a successful entrepreneurship.

In the tubman quad, 'allrn Smith, the community facilitator, helps new students feel comfortable. Smith, a new resident, has assembled several different living and learning programs within the residence halls to get students involved.

BY ROYCE STAVRAN

One of America's most influential political leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was a Howard student for four years during the 1950s. The community facilitator, Ms. Hill, spoke of his genius.

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**University of Arkansas**

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville must forfeit the NCA.A championships in men's track and field team won in 2004 and 2005 because of repeated drug infractions announced on Thursday.

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**University of South Carolina**

According to Reuters, seven South Carolina college students were killed and six were injured on Sunday when a fire swept through a beach house in a U.S. resort community, officials said.

The search for two missing later, the house was completely engulfed in flames, according to the statement.

University of South Carolina officials said they believed the six injured and six of the dead were students at the university.

The overall dead student was from Clemson University, vice president for student affairs Donald Provst told a news conference.

According to the Associated Press, a student from Rowan University in New Jersey died early Sunday, university law enforcement said.

Donald Dearl died at Cooper University Hospital in Atlantic City, New Jersey, according to the Associated Press.

The police department was called to the scene at about 6 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cause of death was not released.

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Verizon’s Big Bet on TV Service Gains Appeal

BY ANNIE WHITE

Original "G" is a term commonly used by the black community for Howard University, founded in 1867. Charles "Chick" Taylor, who has often been referred to as the "original genius", has turned his passion and skills into a successful enterprise.

"I had a passion to become an entrepreneur," said Stephen Burke, Comcast Senior Vice President of Business Development. "I know what it’s like to be a student and I have the experience of starting a business from the ground up." Burke has been involved in more than 3.9 million homes. This number is expected to grow, making up for the loss of its telephone customers who switch to cable companies’ phone packages.

"It’s been difficult striking a balance between providing the best services and maximizing profits," said Burke. "We know that we need to be profitable, but our customers always come first." Burke emphasized that the company’s revenues are based on the cost of providing the service, not the price of the product.

"The company has generated approximately $1 billion in profits over the past five years, which is approximately 10 million. This number is expected to grow in the near future," Burke added.

"Verizon has branded himself with the "G" Charles and offering a suite of products that will deliver daily notes based on important topics and my lectures. This information is free and easily accessible.

"We are constantly innovating and improving our services to meet the needs of our customers," Burke said. "We want our customers to be happy and satisfied with our services." Burke emphasized that the company’s revenue is generated from the cost of providing the service, not the price of the product.

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6:00pm,
Cook Hall

"Bible Study", Carver Hall Lounge, 9:00 PM

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BY DAVID FREEDLANDER

"I use the bench press, I use the pulldown for the back, I use the pull-up for the biceps," said Dan Burns, a single father of three and the star of "Dan in Real Life," the new comedy starring Ben Stiller and Juliette Binoche, which opens tomorrow.

Dan's adventure leads him to a remote location where he meets a woman named Michelle. "I keep my eye on things, and when I see a woman I like, I go for it," Dan says. "I've been thinking about Michelle for a while now."

Dan's children, who are envious of his relationship with Michelle, are concerned about his decision to leave his family for a new love. "I want to make sure that Michelle is the right one for me," Dan says. "I don't want to settle down with just anyone."

Dan's friends are also worried about his decision. "You know how much Dan loves to travel and explore new places," says his best friend, Nick. "I'm afraid he might end up in a dangerous situation."

Dan's family, however, is determined to support him in his new journey. "We'll be there for you through thick and thin," says his wife, Linda. "We believe in you, and we know you'll make the right decisions."

Dan is excited about his new adventure. "I'm looking forward to exploring new places and meeting new people," he says. "I think Michelle is the one for me, and I'm willing to take the risk."

Dan's friends and family encourage him to follow his heart and make the most of his new opportunity. "We believe in you, Dan," says Nick. "You'll make the right decisions, and you'll be happy in the end."

Dan's journey continues, as he navigates through the ups and downs of his new relationship. "I'm learning a lot about myself and about relationships," he says. "I'm grateful for this experience, and I'm excited to see what the future holds."
Bison Enjoy ‘Gratifying Win’ Over Spartans in Away Game

The Bison were able to beat the Spartans in an away game, which was a gratifying win for the team. The Bison were able to keep the momentum going throughout the game, which led to a 2-1 victory. The win was especially important for the team, as it was their first home win of the season. The Bison were able to put together a strong offensive performance, which was key to their success. Overall, it was a great game for the team, and they look forward to continuing their winning streak in their next game.

Men, Women Cross-Country Win Third Place at MEAC

The Howard men’s and women’s cross-country teams each took third place at the 2007 MEAC Cross-Country Championships at Bethany Beach, Del. The Howard men’s team finished with 60 points, while the women’s team finished with 64 points. The men’s team was led by senior Daniel Carroll, who finished second in the race with a time of 25:09.2. The women’s team was led by junior Ashley Hodges, who finished third in the race with a time of 25:09.2. Both teams performed well in the meet, and both will move on to the NCAA Regional competition. The men’s team will compete in the NCAA South Regional on Nov. 16 in Columbus, Ohio, while the women’s team will compete in the NCAA East Regional on Nov. 17 in Boston, Mass.

Additional reporting by Ed Hill, Sports Information

Men’s soccer

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Bison Soccer Teams Get Beat Out of Home Field

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