

## Legislation Text

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Reminding Philadelphians That The Month Of September Is MRSA Awareness Month In The City Of Philadelphia And Urging Parents, Students, And Teachers To Be Vigilant Of The Signs And Symptoms Of This Deadly Disease

**WHEREAS**, One year ago, by virtue of Resolution, adopted by this City Council, the month of September was declared MRSA Awareness Month in The City of Philadelphia; and

**WHEREAS**, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus or MRSA--is an insidious and potentially dangerous staph infection; and

**WHEREAS**, MRSA is a deadly serious public health problem in Philadelphia and across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, It is important that the citizens of Philadelphia realize what this infection is, how easily it can be passed from one person to another, and how potentially lethal it is, especially in children or adults with compromised immune systems; and

**WHEREAS**, The infection is becoming increasingly prevalent among school-age athletes, especially those involved in team sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Each September, as a new school year begins, it is imperative that parents and children - especially those involved in team sports - understand how a MRSA infection is contracted and what prevention steps they must take to avoid acquiring the potentially deadly infection; and

**WHEREAS**, In an effort to prevent a tragedy, it is vital that City schools incorporate information about MRSA into their public health classes; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THAT IT**, Reminds Philadelphians That The Month Of September Is MRSA Awareness Month In The City Of Philadelphia And Urges Parents, Students, And Teachers To Be Vigilant Of The Signs And Symptoms Of This Deadly Disease.