



**Niagara Health System**  
**Système De Santé De Niagara**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **MRSA outbreak declared over today**

An outbreak of MRSA in the Trillium Unit (a Complex Care Unit) at the Greater Niagara General Site was declared over today by the Niagara Health System.

The unit outbreak was declared July 3 due to the number of hospital-associated cases being higher than the normal threshold. There are currently seven cases attributed to the outbreak on the unit.

Enhanced cleaning and all other infection prevention and control measures will remain in place.

### **About MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus)**

Staphylococcus aureus is a bacteria that lives on the skin and mucous membranes of healthy people. Occasionally S. aureus can cause an infection. When S. aureus develops resistance to certain antibiotics, it is called Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, or MRSA. MRSA is spread from one person to another by contact, usually on the hands.

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