

HB 2428 - DIGEST

Finds that methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus poses a serious threat to the health of the residents of Washington state.

Intends to establish a system for monitoring invasive methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus and taking measures to prevent its spread in health care settings and the community.

Requires every laboratory to notify the local health jurisdiction of confirmed cases of invasive methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus and shall cooperate with public health authorities in any investigation of cases or outbreaks.

Declares that the department of health provide assistance to local health jurisdictions with the establishment of a strategy to support efforts to prevent the spread of multidrug resistant organisms.