

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1738 of Latrobe

Response to First Student urgent letter on preventing MRSA exposure:

The response to the MRSA exposure by First Student fell far short than what is needed to protect the bargaining unit members of Local 1738. The reference to First Student employees overall risk of exposure to the MRSA infection be very low indicates that First Student management does not have a clue about what they are talking about.

The hands on work that our bargaining unit van drivers and monitors do put them at a high risk of contracting many diseases including MRSA. On any given day as many as 300 to 400 students walk past the drivers on the big bus routes so to say the First Student employees are at low risk is ill-advised.

The basic facts and precautions in the letter is information bargaining unit members have been provided by Local 1738. The procedure that First Student has developed that is discussed is much anticipated by the Union. It will most likely be stimulating as the rest of their injury prevention plan is.