

## **Disease Fact Sheet: Staphylococcus aureus**

### **FOUND:**

on humans (skin, infected cuts, pimples, noses, and throats).

### **TRANSMISSION:**

people to food through improper food handling. Multiply rapidly at room temperature to produce a toxin that causes illness.

### **SYMPTOMS:**

severe nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea occur 1 to 6 hours after eating; recovery within 2 to 3 days - longer if severe dehydration occurs.