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Study Finds Bacteria Can Live on

With many bodies packed into a tight space and seemingly stale air, airplanes tend to bring out the inner germaphobe in many of us. And the latest research, especially if you just read the headlines, isn’t going to help. Researchers at the University of Auburn found that Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (commonly known as MRSA) and E. coli can live for days on airplane surfaces.

“‘The take-home message is be careful about your hand hygiene and don’t travel while contagious or immune compromised.’ - Kiril Vaglenov, a post-doctoral fellow at Auburn, who led the research.

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