

Students

Administrative Procedure - Measures to Control the Spread of Head Lice at School

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School Nurse	<p>Provides information regarding control to staff, students, and parents/guardians.</p> <p>Provides information material and/or in-service to school personnel on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidentiality requirements 2. Identification 3. Preventing transmission in classrooms 4. Precautions against self-contamination and cross-contamination, e.g., <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carpets should be vacuumed frequently b. Cloth-covered stuffed animals, sleeping mats, pillows, sofas, and other stuffed furniture should be discouraged 5. Treatment and resources for treatment 6. Readmission requirements 7. Respect for sensitivity of students and parents/guardians regarding this condition
All Staff	<p>To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, reports all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible.</p>
School Nurse	<p>Inspects the head of any student reasonably suspected of having head lice as soon as possible.</p> <p>Persons with live head lice OR viable nits (half-inch or closer to the scalp), visualized by the school nurse will be referred for treatment at the end of the school day. Immediate removal of the person from school is unnecessary. Parents will be advised to give prompt treatment at home. Recommendations for treatment will follow current standards of evidenced based practice as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).</p> <p>Siblings and other persons, at the school nurse's discretion, who are felt to be in close contact with a person with live lice will be inspected for infestation and referred as appropriate.</p> <p>The school nurse will discuss with the building administrator a need to exclude a child with infestations of live lice or viable nits or a child with a current active infestation for which there is a lack of adequate follow-through by parents or guardian.</p>
All Staff	<p>Maintains the privacy of students identified as having head lice.</p>
Parents/Guardians	<p>Will provide immediate treatment and send a note to school verifying treatment.</p> <p>Assists in preventing and managing head lice outbreaks by regularly checking their children's hair and providing immediate treatment if lice are detected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your child's hair and scalp regularly for eggs. • Do not allow your child to use other children's combs, brushes, hats, etc. • If you find your child does have head lice and you decide to keep him or her out of school, please follow the school's student absence procedures.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow your family’s chosen protocol for treatment of the entire family. Both over-the-counter and prescription medications are available for treatment of lice. • Hats, combs, brushes, and bed linens should be cleaned thoroughly. After the medicated shampoo, you can loosen the eggs with scalp rinses of vinegar, and then slide the eggs off the hair shaft with tweezers, a special fine tooth comb, or your fingernails. • Review information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) about Prevention and Control at: www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html and Treatment FAQ at www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs_treat.html.

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