

Students

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

Actor	Action
School Nurse	<p>Involves parent organization in the development and implementation of programs regarding prevention and treatment.</p> <p>Provides information regarding control to staff, students, and parents.</p> <p>Provides inservice to school personnel on preventing transmission in classrooms, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality requirements • Identification • 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. • Treatment and resources for treatment. • Readmission requirements. • Respect for sensitivity of students and parents/guardians regarding this condition.
Parents/Guardians	<p>Assist 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; tiny white or grayish grains stuck to the hair. Head lice like clean heads, too. • Do not allow your child to use other children's combs, brushes, hats, etc. • If you find your child does have head lice, please inform the school so a check can be made on the other children in the class. • Call your physician for a medicated shampoo. Follow the instructions for the entire family. • 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.
Staff	<p>To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible.</p>
School Nurse	<p>Inspect the head of any student reasonably suspected of having head lice as soon as possible.</p> <p>Check the siblings of any student with head lice and notify other schools where siblings attend.</p> <p>Check the student's contacts for the presence of lice.</p> <p>Provide the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) with information regarding head lice treatment.</p>

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	If more than one student is affected in any class, examine all students in the class and provide information about head lice to all parents/guardians of students in the class.
Building Principal	If eggs (nits) or lice are found, exclude the student from attendance and inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) about recommended treatment procedures and sources of further information.
Staff	Maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance.
Parents/Guardians	Return an excluded student to school by bringing a note verifying treatment.
School Nurse	Examine any excluded student and verify to the Building Principal that all eggs (nits) and lice are gone so that the student may return.
Building Principal	Notify parent(s)/guardian(s) whose excluded student has not returned to school within 5 days of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School attendance laws • Action which may be taken if absence continues • Resources for treatment information

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