



Student Health Services

✓ School Checklist for Head Lice

	Maintain confidentiality when screening students. Screen students routinely to identify signs of head lice as early as possible. Notify your Cluster Nurse for training. Look for live lice, nits (eggs) attached to the hair shaft, open sores on the scalp, frequent head scratching, scalp irritability and sleeplessness. Send identified students to the Clinic.
	After a case of head lice has been identified, the student's parent will be notified to pick up the student and given educational information from the Clinic regarding Head Lice, including a Parent Checklist for Head Lice. Parents are also encouraged to notify their Health Care Provider.
	The student should be first checked in the clinic before being given the "OK to return to class". The Clinic Aide will check the student's head for any remaining nits and remove/attempt to remove the nits from the hair in a well lit area - if only a few nits remain or as appropriate. If more thorough removal needs to be done, the Clinic Aide will notify the parent to pick up the student.
	The Clinic Aide will notify the Cluster Nurse and Administration of identified cases and fill out a Communicable Disease Report Form and send to the Cluster Nurse. If it is determined that a letter needs to be sent to the school body via hard copy or electronically, the Cluster Nurse will provide the letter to the school.
	The Clinic will keep a Lice Log of identified students and recheck any identified students in 7-10 days as recommended – should there be a number of cases identified.
	Remove from the affected classroom all clothing, stuffed animals, pillows/comforters, backpacks, bean bag chairs, rugs, upholstered items, etc. <u>that cannot be washed in hot water, dried in the high heat dryer cycle, or vacuumed.</u> Put remaining items in a plastic bag and seal for 2 weeks. Removal of objects from the classroom as deemed appropriate and recommended by the Cluster Nurse. The Cluster Nurse will consult with the Principal on classroom changes.
	View the environment of the affected classroom(s) to make changes to keep students' individual articles separate. Move desks apart, use garbage bags to separate individual items if necessary. Do not stack cots/mats or items used by the classroom as a group. Store individually to insure lice are not transmitted between students.
	Pay attention to recently used group items such as headphones/cots/or mats. Wipe between students with wet wipes or a damp paper towel.
	Notify the custodial staff which classrooms are affected. Hard surface floors may also be mopped with hot water (130°F) if recommended by the manufacturer. Vacuum all rugs daily and cloth surfaces/upholstered chairs that cannot be removed from the room. PE locker rooms and connections areas may also need to be cleaned.
	Vacuum all floors, carpets and furniture, particularly furniture/rooms recently used by the identified student(s). (Facilities Management Team)
	Teachers should report immediately any new cases of head lice to your school's Clinic and Administration if notified by student's families/parents.
	Call your Cluster Nurse if you have additional questions regarding head lice.

Routine screening and early detection is the best and only prevention of head lice outbreaks.

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