

HEAD LICE

Head Lice Control

Schools provide a focal point for the transmission of all kinds of communicable diseases, including head lice infestations. Control depends on prompt detection; dissemination of head lice information among parents, students, and school personnel; effective treatment of infested individuals; and implementation of proper measures to prevent the spread of infestation.

Classroom teachers will report all suspected infestations to the school nurse or principal as soon as possible. Symptomatic individuals will be examined by the school nurse or other designated school personnel.

When a case of head lice is confirmed, all children in the classroom should be examined to detect any further infestation.

Communication with Parents/Guardians

Any individual that is found to have live head lice will be dismissed from school. Parents/Guardians will be notified regarding any individual upon whom nits are found.

In keeping with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Health and Health Care in schools healthy individuals will not be excluded from school or allowed to miss school due to nits since individuals with nits do not pose an immediate threat to the health of others.

Mandatory removal of live lice is required in all RSU 83/M.S.A.D. #13 schools as a necessary part of treatment of pediculosis (head lice).

Proof of treatment for live lice (for example a note from parent/guardian or the individual's primary care provider) shall be required on return to school. The individual will be reexamined by the school nurse or other school personnel before readmission. Proof of treatment related to the existence of nits is also required.

Any individual identified as having live head lice may not take the school bus or participate in any school sponsored extracurricular activities until he/she has been reexamined and readmitted to school.

An adult should accompany the individual to school at the time he/she is to be reexamined.

The individual will be readmitted to school immediately after treatment is judged to have been effective OR the individual will be refused readmission to school because of the continued presence of live head lice.

If the individual does not show evidence of having been satisfactorily treated, the administration will refuse the individual's readmission to school until the treatment is satisfactorily completed and the individual is free of live lice.

Individuals must be completely lice free before being readmitted to school.

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