

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) PROCEDURE

School Nurse's Protocol

1. When a child is suspected of having head lice, the child will see the school nurse for diagnosis.
2. If head lice are diagnosed, the parent will be called and the student will be sent home for treatment.
3. The parent will be given information by the school nurse about the medical procedures for treatment of head lice to be used at home.
4. Siblings in the same school will also be checked. The nurse will check friends of the students or those who have had close proximity.
5. The nurse will inform the teacher(s) of the student that head lice have been diagnosed.
6. The nurse will inform the building principal.
7. Support and training will be provided to parents of students with head lice.
8. Students will be checked for live head lice and nits before they are readmitted to school.
 - a. Students who continue to have live lice will be sent home.
 - b. Students who have nits will be admitted to class for the day with a communication to parents that there are nits remaining and that additional treatment is required (nit picking).
 - c. School nurses will continue to check students until they are clear.
9. Students that are repeatedly re-infested will be referred to a local agency to gain assistance for the family.
 - a. If a family has chronic diagnosis of head lice, the school nurse will offer support to the parents from Community Health and Hospice.
 - b. The school nurse will explain to the family that there are community health nurses available to do home visits to assist the family in treating the child and assessing the environment.
 - c. If the family is interested in this support, the school nurse will call CHH, 524-8444, and speak with either Anne Marie Mercuri or Joyce Porter.
 - d. The school nurse will offer the CHH nurses pertinent family information including name, address and phone number.

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