

Students

Pediculosis

The CREC Council authorizes the Executive Director to work with the School Medical Advisor in an effort to develop and implement guidelines concerning pediculosis or head lice. The guidelines are to include identification, treatment procedures, and notification process which will insure prompt and medically accurate action for students having pediculosis. The guidelines are also to include assertive procedures which will reduce the opportunity of spreading pediculosis to other students. No healthy child will be excluded from or miss school because of head lice.

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Identification

If a teacher or other school employee views the following symptoms, the student is to be referred to the school/program nurse for a pediculosis screening.

- A. Excessive scratching of the scalp.
- B. Observation of nits (ivory colored eggs approximately 1/32" in length) or lice in hair.

Procedures Regarding Individual Students

1. If live lice or nits appearing in close proximity to scalp or on clothing are observed, the student is to be considered to have pediculosis. In this situation the school nurse will notify the parents or guardians and instruct them on treatment procedures and precautions against spreading.
2. Identified students may return to school immediately following treatment which includes the application of head louse shampoo.
3. To ensure confidentiality, the names of the students who have pediculosis will be shared with no other parents/guardians or staff members
4. If a student's pediculosis problem does not appear to be eliminated by the standard medical treatment, the district medical advisor will collaborate with the school nurse on further treatment recommendations.

Procedures Regarding the School Community

1. If a count of active pediculosis cases exceeds ten percent (10%) of the school enrollment during a ten (10) calendar day period of time, the school nurse or health aide will notify the Assistant Director of Health Services.
2. The Assistant Director of Health Services and school nurse are to assess the extent of the problem and form a plan of action regarding notification of parents of non-infected students. If the school nurse and the Assistant Director of Health Services decide to inform parents of non-infected students, the Sample letter for Notification of Pediculosis in School #5141.221 Form 1 may be used. If it is decided that more information needs to be distributed, mailer can be done which includes more specific information (Prevention and Control of Pediculosis 5141.221 Form 2).

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