

PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING A HEAD LICE OUTBREAK

1. Send home for treatment at the end of the school day any individuals with evidence of live lice.
2. Check all heads in affected classrooms daily until all evidence is eliminated.
3. Vacuum carpeted classrooms daily during outbreak.
4. Discontinue temporarily "dress-up" activities and other activities that involve close person-to-person contact.
5. Do not spray with pesticides.
6. Encourage families to contact health care providers if they suspect treatment has failed.
7. Siblings and close personal contacts should be examined, and if infected, should be instructed on treatment.
8. Send general fact sheet and a notice of the outbreak home to all parents. Elicit help of all parents to check for head lice daily.
9. Encourage parents to notify the school, childcare provider, and other close personal contacts when head lice have been identified.
10. [The Vermont Department of Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses discourage the implementation of a "no nit" policy, and recommend that children be readmitted to school after proper treatment despite the possible presence of nits.]
11. Shampoo rugs in the areas at the end of the school day the outbreak is reported.
12. Place all pillows, stuffed toys and other appropriate items in plastic bags for ten (10) days.