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Head Lice & Influenza Information

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read the following information pertinent to head lice & influenza.

Pediculosis is an infestation of head lice, not an infection. It does not pose a significant health hazard and is not known to spread disease. Students found to be infested with head lice are excluded from school and are required to receive suitable treatment at home immediately. Children identified with head lice are sent home with the parent, if possible. Children who cannot be sent home due to inability to reach a parent or authorized designee, or those whose parents are unable to come to school to pick them up may remain in school that day with restrictions on activities that require close personal contact. The school nurse or designated personnel has the responsibility to communicate with other schools where siblings or other close contacts of the infested person attend.

A child may return to school to be checked by the school nurse or designated personnel the morning after initial treatment or when the parent feels the child has been adequately treated if the following conditions are met:

- A parent or authorized designee must accompany the child. The child is not permitted to ride the school bus to school that day.
- The parent/designee must wait until the checkup is completed.
- The child is live lice and nit free.
- The parent must show an obvious attempt to remove the majority of nits. Nits that are present are acceptable but if it takes longer than ten minutes to remove nits from hair, the student will be sent home to remove the excessive nits.
- When it is obvious that the parent has made significant progress in the treatment process, the child does not have live lice and the child has missed a significant number of school days because of lice infestation, the child may be readmitted at the discretion of the school nurse. Advice on treatment is again given to the parent and the importance of nit removal is stressed. The nurse will require that the child be seen again the following school morning to monitor that progress in nit removal has been made. The child will continue to be monitored as needed.

Students may be excused from school a maximum of five (5) consecutive days (inclusive of weekend days) for treatment of head lice.

In case of chronic, repeated infestations, the child may be rechecked as often as needed at the discretion of the school nurse or building administrator.

When several cases of live head lice are identified in the same classroom, all students in that classroom are screened.

Influenza-Illnesses

In order to keep your child and other children in the building as healthy and ready to learn as possible, we ask that you **PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE ILL!**

The following symptoms /conditions may indicate the start of a communicable disease. In order to prevent spreading the germs of a contagious disease, please follow these simple guidelines:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME from school if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher in the last 24 hours. Please do not send children back to school until they have been **fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Motrin.**
- Vomiting or Diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- Severe cough.
- Undetermined rash.
- Conjunctivitis/pink eye- redness or itching of eyes and usually yellow/green crust on lids, especially in the morning. May return 24 hours after treatment with antibiotics. **Must have a Doctor's excuse.**
- Impetigo-24 hours after treatment has begun; draining sores must be covered. **Must have a Doctor's excuse.**
- Strep throat- may return 24 hours after treatment with prescription medicine and NO FEVER. Must have a Doctor's excuse.
- Ringworm- may return 24 hours after treatment by a doctor and must be covered with bandage. Excluded from all contact sports until sores are gone. **Must have a Doctor's excuse.**
- Scabies- after treatment with prescription medicine. **Must have a Doctor's excuse.**

Influenza/FLU- influenza is an airborne transmitted viral disease characterized by:

- Fever of 101-104 degrees for several days
- Muscle aches and weakness; may last 2-3 weeks
- Extreme fatigue
- Headache
- Respiratory symptoms similar to the common cold (cough, congestion, sneeze)
- Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
- Incubation is short, usually 1-3 days from contact. Your child may be communicable for 7 days, adults for 3-5 days.

Whenever your child sees the doctor, please provide the school with a doctor's excuse for the absences. Feel free to call the clinic at 330-989-5093 ext 6 if you have questions or concerns about your child's health.

Please understand these guidelines must be adhered to in order to maintain a healthy school environment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Matzye, RN
School Nurse

