

New Protocol WAWM

If a student is found to have evidence of live lice, the following steps will be taken:

1. The student will go home at the end of the day.
2. The parent/guardian will be notified that day by telephone and by a note sent home stating that prompt, proper treatment is required.
3. Re-admittance to the classroom the next day will occur after successful treatment and screening (no live lice).
4. Notification letters will be sent home to alert parents only if three students in a classroom or approximately 10% are found with lice.

Muskego Norway School District

WHAT MNSD WILL DO 1. Track Data - Our school health offices track data to determine whether or not an "outbreak" of head lice is occurring based on the number of reported cases. 2. Inspect students - MNSD may inspect other known household contacts such as siblings attending the same school in an effort to stem outbreaks in other classes. **3. The District Nurse, in coordination with the building Principal and Health Office Staff, may consider classroom Head Lice Inspection if there are 5 or more cases of live lice in an individual classroom.** 4. Inform and Educate - Parents/guardians of all elementary school children shall receive head lice information each school year. Information will be sent to middle and high school parents/guardians upon the discretion of the building Principal. 5. Head lice information shall be available upon request from each Health Office and/or District Nurse. Please go to the District Nurse page for resources. 6. An informational letter about head lice prevention, diagnosis, and treatment will go home to the parents/guardians of all students in a classroom if there are 5 or more cases of live lice in that individual classroom. 7. Train personnel - Health Room staff and others shall be properly trained in the detection and identification of head lice

GREENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

A student found to have live lice or nits will be screened by the School Nurse or designee. The child's parent or guardian will be contacted by a School Nurse or designee and given treatment information and a Verification of Treatment form (see Exhibit 1). The following procedures will be followed: 1. Student will be removed from the classroom. 2. In the event that the School Nurse or designee is not available, the parent will be directed to call the Greendale Health Department (if they are Greendale residents) their local Health Department or their healthcare provider to have the student screened for head lice. The parent will also be encouraged to have siblings screened. 3. The student may only return to school the next school day with a parent signed Verification of Treatment form. 4. The School Nurse will conduct follow up screenings of the involved student(s) within two days to be sure the student(s) are lice free. 5. Presence or absence of nits will not impact the student's ability to attend. 6. Student(s) will be re-checked in approximately one week to be sure they are lice-free. 7. Siblings of students with live lice that are students in the Greendale School District will be checked by the School Nurse or designee. 8. Classroom-wide screenings will be at the discretion of the School Nurse, generally after three unrelated cases in a classroom. 9. Notice of classroom screening will be sent to parents when a classroom screening is done (see Exhibit 2).

Shorewood School District

REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL POLICY REGARDING HEAD LICE:

1) Students with live lice (bugs) can stay in school until the end of the school day.

When nits or live lice are found, the school contacts the parents that day and informs them of our findings. Parents may pick their student up from school to treat them, however if the parent is at work or unavailable to pick up their child, they do not need to pick them up early.

2) The Shorewood School District does not do whole class or whole school lice checks.

This policy change is based on best practices involving lice detection, transmission and treatment.

The shift in policy is something that has been occurring across the United States over the past few years. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in all of its published journals & articles state that head lice move by crawling, they can not hop or fly. Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person, therefore anyone who comes in head-to-head contact with someone who already has head lice is at greatest risk. Spread by contact with clothing (such as hats, scarves, coats) or other personal items (such as combs, brushes, or towels) used by an infested person is uncommon. The CDC also states that nits are "very unlikely to be transferred successfully to other people" — which has led to many schools across the nation dropping their no-nit policies.

Another intention of the policy change is to help keep children from missing class, shield children with lice from embarrassment and protect their privacy. FERPA requires that medical and educational records cannot, without parental/guardian consent, be released to others without a legitimate educational interest. Even without disclosing the actual name of the student, if another person can easily determine the identity of a child, then student privacy and confidentiality has been violated.

Our policy is based on current research around best practices along with ensuring the social/emotional well-being of our students.

MPS Head Lice Policy

MPS's policy regarding head lice (pediculosis) complies with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, National Association of School Nurses, and the Centers for Disease Control.

No child will be excluded from school because they have head lice.

When a student exhibits symptoms of head lice (itching, scratching, visible nits), they will be screened by the school nurse or a knowledgeable staff member (see flowchart). If the student is found to have live lice or nits by the nurse or knowledgeable staff member, the parent will be notified and asked to treat the student for head lice after the end of the school day. The student will be checked by the school nurse or knowledgeable staff member when the child returns to school, upon the availability of the nurse or staff member. If the student remains positive for live lice or nits the following day, the parent will be contacted again, and additional education will be provided to the family by the school nurse or knowledgeable staff member. If no improvements are made within 7–10 days, a meeting with the nurse, school social worker, and/or administrator

will be made to discuss lice removal with the parent/ guardian. If the parent refuses the meeting, does not arrive at the meeting, OR no improvements have been made in an additional 7–10 days, the nurse/knowledgeable staff member will send home the physician clearance letter/parent record of treatment to be completed. If this letter is not received back, an update has not given by the family, OR improvements have not been made, the nurse/ knowledgeable staff member will begin once-monthly lice checks. If nits or live lice are found at that check, additional education packets or a phone call will be made home. If improvements have not been attempted by the family within one year, a referral to CPS will be made.

Notification letters to parents will be sent home if a classroom is identified as having two or more confirmed cases of head lice. **Classroom and schoolwide head checks will not be conducted, as transmission in the school setting has been found to be rare.**

No student should be stigmatized because he/she has head lice. The presence of head lice is not an indication of poor hygiene. It is recommended that the student avoid close head-to-head contact with other children in the classroom.

Parents/guardians have the ultimate responsibility for their children, which includes assisting in the prevention and management of head lice cases through regular checks of their children's hair and starting immediate treatment when head lice are detected.

New Berlin School District

Lice Information

S.C.R.A.T.C.H Slideshow

Fact sheet