

JEFFERSON PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

PEDICULOSIS REFERRAL FORM

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

Dear Parents/Guardian:

Your child has been found to have pediculosis capitis (head lice and/or lice). This is an infestation which can be spread from one person to another in a short period of time. To prevent the spread of head lice in the school, the condition must be treated immediately. You *may* wish to consult your doctor or follow the recommendation provided below. **(IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE READMITTED TO SCHOOL, YOU MUST COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE ATTACHED PARENT LETTER. RETURN THE SIGNED DOCUMENT TO SCHOOL WHEN YOUR CHILD RETURNS).**

1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- A. SEVERAL LICE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR AREA DRUG STORE AND CAN BE BOUGHT OVER-THE-COUNTER. YOU MAY CALL YOUR DOCTOR FOR A PRESCRIPTION.
- B. CHECK ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS FOR LICE AND NITS. TREAT ONLY THOSE PERSONS IN THE HOUSEHOLD WHO HAVE HEAD LICE.
- C. CALL YOUR DOCTOR FIRST IF YOU ARE PREGNANT, NURSING, HAVE ALLERGIES OR ASTHMA, EPILEPSY OR HAVE NITS IN THE EYEBROW OR EYELASHES. **DO NOT** USE A LICE PRODUCT ON A CHILD YOUNGER THAN THREE YEARS OLD.

2. TREATMENT PROCEDURE

- A. FOLLOW PACKAGE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY! USE THE PRODUCT OVER THE SINK (NOT IN THE TUB OR SHOWER). KEEP THE EYES COVERED WITH A WASHCLOTH.
- B. REMOVE ALL NITS WITH FINGERTIPS, A SMALL FINE TOOTH COMB, TWEEZER, OR SNIP OUT EACH HAIR SHAFT THAT HAS NITS ATTACHED.
- C. THE TREATMENT MAY NEED TO BE REPEATED IN 7 – 10 DAYS TO KILL THE NEWLY HATCHED LICE.

3. HOUSEHOLD/ENVIRONMENTAL TREATMENT

- A. WASH ALL CLOTHING, TOWELS, AND BED LINEN USED BY PERSON(S) WITH HEAD LICE IN HOT WATER AND DRY IN A HOT DRYER. COMBS AND BRUSHES SHOULD BE BOILED IN HOT WATER FOR 5 TO 10 MINUTES OR SOAKED IN THE INSECTICIDAL SHAMPOO FOR 30 MINUTES.
- B. DRY CLEAN ALL CLOTHING AND HATS WHICH CANNOT BE WASHED.
- C. VACUUMING IS THE SAFEST AND BEST WAY TO CONTROL LICE ON MATTRESSES, RUGS, FURNITURE AND STUFFED ANIMALS.
- D. PLACE NON-WASHABLE ITEMS OR THOSE DIFFICULT TO LAUNDRER OR VACUUM IN A TIGHTLY SEALED PLASTIC BAG FOR TWO WEEKS.
- E. CONTINUE TO CHECK EVERYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD EVERY DAY FOR 2 TO 3 WEEKS.

REMEMBER – Anyone can get head lice from another person or by sharing articles that come in contact with the head, neck, or shoulders (e.g. combs, brushes, hats, coats, towels). Regular checking is the best prevention especially children who complain of scalp itching or are frequently scratching head.

Yours truly,

Principal/Designee

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PEDICULOSIS TREATMENT – PARENT RESPONSE LETTER

Dear Principal:

My child, has been treated for pediculosis (head lice) as verified by the following:

1. _____ Shampoo was used to treat my child's,
(Brand name of head lice treatment)
_____ hair on _____.
(Child's Name) (Date)
2. All nits have been removed from my child's hair to prevent reinfestation.
3. Our household has been treated as per the instructions sent home in the Pediculosis Referral Letter.
4. I will check my child daily for the next seven to ten days, and retreat as necessary.

Yours truly,

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)