

HEAD LICE LETTER RINGWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Date _____

Dear Parent:

_____ was checked and found to have symptoms of an active infestation of head lice (live lice and/or nits within one-half inch from the scalp). Head lice are easily passed from one person to another and can rapidly spread in a school situation; therefore, he/ she must be adequately treated with a medicated shampoo (pediculicide) and obtain clearance slips from the City-County Health Department or your physician or provide the medicated shampoo bottle to the school office before returning to school. Please take this letter with you when obtaining clearance slips.

GUIDELINE FOR TREATMENT

1. Check all household members. Those found to have live lice and/or nits within one-half from the scalp should also be treated at this time.
2. Non-prescription shampoos, such as: A-200 Pyrinate, RID, R&C, Triple-X, etc. may be purchased at a pharmacy. A prescription for other medicated shampoos may be obtained from your physician.
3. Use the medicated shampoo exactly as stated on the container.
4. While the medicated shampoos (pediculicides) rapidly kill lice, they kill less than 20% of the nits. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that all nits be removed for your child's protection. Nits may be removed with a fine-toothed comb or your fingers.
5. After shampooing, place freshly washed clothes on your child and fresh linens on the bed.
6. Wash all towels, bed linens, clothing, hats, coat, combs, and brushes in hot soapy water. Non-washable articles should be dry cleaned or placed in a plastic bag and sealed for 10 days. Vacuum bedding, rugs, carpets, and upholstered furniture.
7. Re-admittance to school may require a clearance slip from the City-County Health Department or your physician stating 'your child has been adequately treated and appears to be free of all live lice, or provide the medicated shampoo bottle to the school office. This clearance for readmission may be obtained as soon as your child has been adequately treated.
8. To insure complete treatment, the medicated shampoo (pediculicide) must be repeated in 7 to 10 calendar days from the initial treatment. After your child is treated, a **SECOND CLEARANCE** must be obtained from the City-County Health Department or your physician stating 'there is evidence of a second shampoo, appears to be free of live lice, and nits are more than one-half inch from the scalp', or provide a second medicated shampoo bottle to the school office.
9. The Health Department requires that you bring the medicated shampoo bottle to them when seeking, both clearances for your child.
10. If a second clearance is not received by the eleventh day after the initial treatment, your child will be temporarily excluded from school until this clearance is obtained.

HEAD LICE LETTER (Cont.)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOURS: 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

HEALTHFUL HINTS

1. Combs, brushes, hats, coat, etc. should not be shared with anyone, including family members.
2. Check hair frequently.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Principal or School Nurse