

Head Lice

The following information is provided for you about head lice. Please keep this for reference.

- Even though they do not jump or fly, they can spread from one person to another by sharing combs, brushes, clothing, hats and in bedding. Head lice can happen to anyone. It is not a sign of poor health habits or being dirty.
- There are many lice treatment shampoos on the market as well as other mechanical and manual methods of controlling the lice. If you are found to have head lice please let us know and we will provide you with the proper comb and shampoo products.
- Bedding, clothing, and hats should be laundered in very hot water (120 degrees) on the same day or evening your child is treated.
- Nits (lice eggs) are tiny, white, pearly eggs that attach themselves to the hair shaft close to the scalp. The nit can be removed manually by pinching between two fingernails and pulling it off the hair shaft, or by using a "nit comb".
- All members of the household need to be checked when there is one case of head lice in your immediate family.
- **Individuals with head lice will be required to stay in their rooms for 24 hours after treatment; failure to do so places you at risk of losing shelter with us as it poses a health risk to others.** If you have any questions about treatment or how to check for head lice, please see an advocate.