

## PROCEDURE

### Lice (Pediculosis)

**Rationale:** Monitoring and control of head lice infestations is necessary for the prevention of spread to others.

**Guidelines:**

1. Suspected case of head lice reported to the nurse:
  - Nurse assesses student.
  - If no evidence of head lice is identified, nurse monitors situation and educates parent as indicated.
  - If evidence of head lice noted, nurse proceeds with #2.
2. Case of head lice confirmed by nurse
  - Students in affected student's classroom assessed for evidence of head lice (elementary level). Close contacts assessed at the secondary level at the discretion of the nurse.
  - Sibling(s) and other students in household who attend the SVSD are assessed as indicated.
  - Parent notified and provided with educational information regarding care and treatment (See PA Department of Health website for Lice Fact Sheet).
  - Principal notified at the discretion of nurse.
  - Student is excluded from school until treated and reassessed by the nurse. At this time, student should be free of live lice. Nits should be reduced in number. Any nit remaining within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of scalp should be manually removed.
  - Building maintenance and other school personnel to be notified so that proper cleaning precautions can be taken (vacuuming, etc.).
  - Nurse to monitor the student for reduction of nits and no live lice.
3. If multiple cases of head lice are identified within a classroom or building:
  - All students in all classrooms and siblings of affected students may be assessed at the discretion of the nurse.
  - All parents of affected students will be notified and provided with educational information regarding care and treatment (See PA Department of Health website for Lice Fact Sheet).
  - Principal notified at the discretion of nurse. Informational/educational letter sent to parents of unaffected students at the discretion of nurse.
  - All affected students are excluded from school until treated and reassessed by the nurse. At this time, students should be free of live lice. Nits should be reduced in number. Any nit remaining within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of scalp should be manually removed.
  - Nurse to monitor all affected students ongoing for reduction of nits and no live lice.
  - Building maintenance and other school personnel to be notified so that proper cleaning precautions can be taken (vacuuming, etc.).