



Pediculosis (Head Lice) Management Guidelines

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The nurses in Conestoga Valley School District want you to have an opportunity to understand the district-wide guidelines for managing head lice. We realize that this topic can cause a wide variety of emotional responses in families, and we want to provide clear information to you so that this issue can be handled in a calm and confidential manner in the school setting.

Pediculosis, or head lice, is a common parasitic insect that can affect people of all races, ages, gender or socio-economic status. While our school district does not screen for head lice, school nurses will help families understand the required treatment process. Letters will **not** be sent home when there are outbreaks; however, school nurses will check additional students at their discretion.

Parents/Guardians will be contacted if lice are found on their child at school and instructed to promptly begin treatment with an over-the-counter product. The student may return to school once treatment is initiated at home. Upon the student's return to school, the school nurse will establish a schedule for head checks that will ensure treatment effectiveness. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to remove all nits (eggs) from the hair strands of a student who has been treated for head lice.

If you are noticing that your student is scratching his/her head more than usual and reports itchiness, please check the hair for nits. We ask that you promptly notify the school nurse in your student's building if you think that your child may have head lice. This communication will allow the nurse to immediately assess the situation, make any necessary discrete examinations, and provide you with professional assistance in home management. Please call your school nurse if you have any questions about these guidelines.

Thank you,

The School Nurses of CVSD