



Head Lice: Information for Parents & Guardians

North Kansas City School District – Health Services

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Our approach

In keeping with district policy (Administrative Procedure JHC-AP(2)) and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics, students will not be excluded from school due to head lice or nits alone. Our goal is to allow students to remain in school while treatment and daily nit combing take place at home.

What happens if head lice are found

- The school does not perform routine head lice screenings. If multiple cases are reported, the nurse may check students who had close head-to-head contact with an infested student.
- If lice or nits are found, you will be notified the same day, and the nurse will provide guidance on treatment and managing the infestation.
- Other children living in the same household may also be checked.
- Students with a few lice or nits may remain in school during treatment. Students with numerous live lice visibly crawling may be sent home until a treatment plan is in place with you.
- Whole-classroom screenings are not used. Whole-classroom notification letters are only sent in limited circumstances with administrative approval.
- If multiple cases occur in a classroom, families in that classroom may receive a notification letter, approved by the Assistant Director of Health Services, Health Services Coordinator, and Building Principal, with information on head lice.

What we ask of you

- Begin treatment as soon as possible after notification, following product instructions and label warnings (some treatments are not safe for very young children).
- Check and treat all household members as needed and continue daily combing to remove nits.
- Wash bedding, clothing, and hats used recently in hot water and dry on high heat.
- Contact your school nurse if you need help accessing treatment, laundry facilities, lice combs, or other resources – we are here to help.

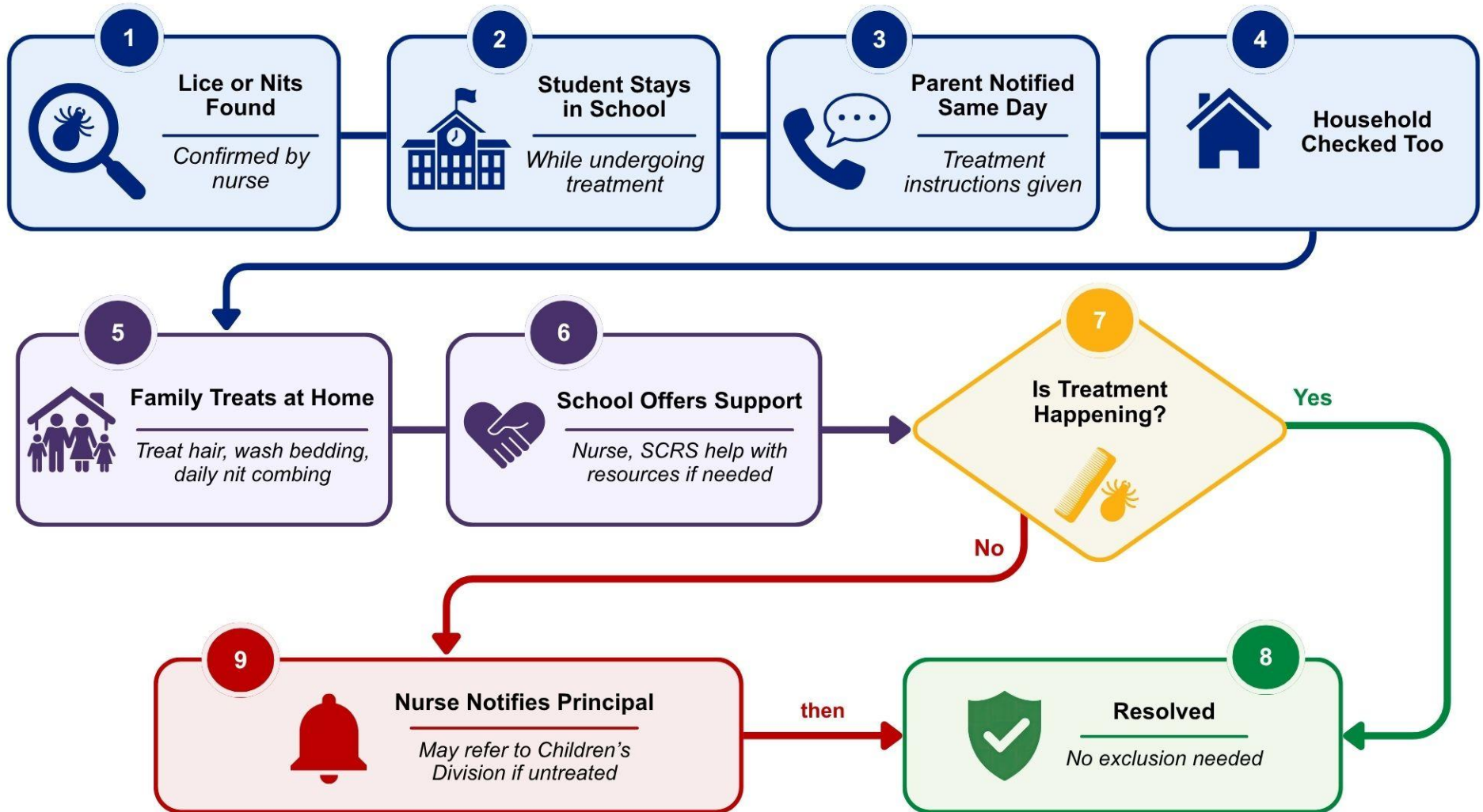
If treatment doesn't happen

If an infestation isn't being managed after notice has been given, the nurse may inform the principal, who may refer the matter to the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services to determine if additional resources or support is available.

Questions? Contact your school nurse – we partner with families to resolve head lice quickly and keep students learning.

HEAD LICE PROCESS

AT A GLANCE



Our goal: Keep students healthy, learning, and in school.

Early detection, prompt treatment, and teamwork make all the difference!



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