

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Guidelines for classrooms and parents/guardians that will assist in the prevention and spread of head lice:

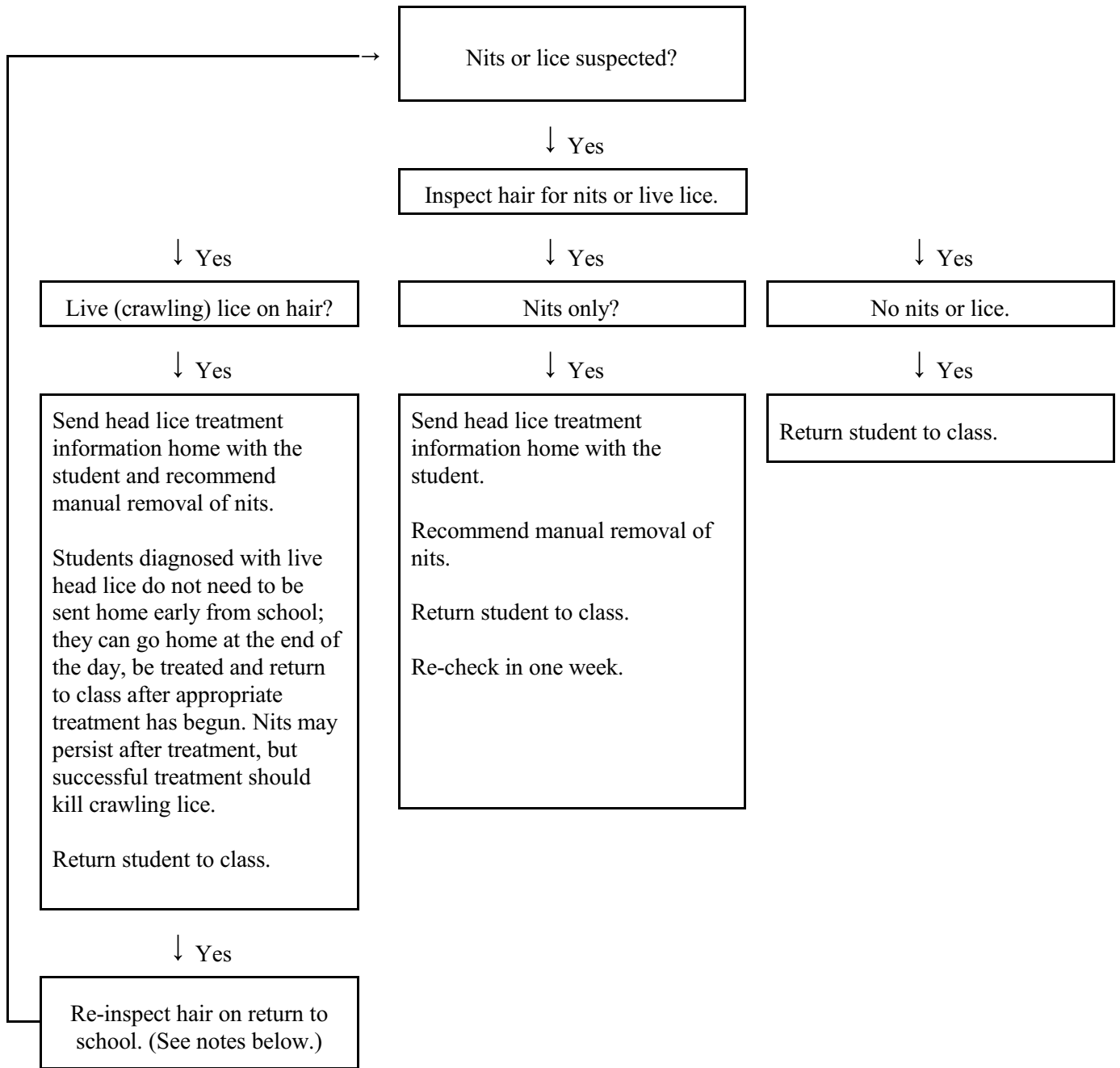
1. Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp);
2. Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes;
3. Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfect combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water (at least 130°F) for 5-10 minutes;
4. Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person;
5. Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that an infested person wore or used during the 2 days before treatment using the hot water (130°F) laundry cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry-cleaned OR sealed in a plastic bag and stored for 2 weeks;
6. Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay. However, spending much time and money on housecleaning activities is not necessary to avoid reinfestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing;
7. Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

Students found to have contracted head lice will be subject to the following procedures:

1. Suggested school measures for head lice control, as provided in "Communicable Disease " issued through the Oregon Department of Education will be followed.
2. Screening recommendations are as follows:
 - a. When three or more positive cases in a classroom are identified, the whole classroom may be screened, resource dependent.
 - b. Criteria for additional screening of individuals for lice are: persistent itching or scratching, known exposure to sibling or other close contact with head lice self (student or parent) referral.

3. As provided by OAR 333-019-0015, students found to have contracted head lice may be restricted from school at the discretion of the local school district authorities. The presence of nits (lice eggs) only is not considered restrictable.
4. Treatment information, district policy requirements, and re-admittance provisions will be provided to the parent. Parents will be advised to:
 - a. Shampoo hair with FDA approved lice shampoo per label instructions unless a health care provider has instructed you differently.
 - b. Follow the personal and household cleaning instructions provided by the district, health-care provider, or local health authority, as appropriate.
 - c. Remove all nits after treatment.
5. Following treatment, the student will be readmitted to school.
6. Parents shall either accompany their student to school for re-admittance or provide a signed statement that treatment has been initiated.
7. The student will be subject to screening by designated personnel to determine the treatment's effectiveness. The student will be readmitted to school or denied admittance, as appropriate. The absence of nits is not required for re-admittance. In the event the student is not readmitted to school because of the continued presence of live lice, parents will be notified.
8. Students readmitted will be subject to follow-up screening by designated personnel.
9. In the event additional assistance and/or information is needed regarding the treatment of the student, other family members, close contacts and the home environment (bedding, linens, grooming equipment, etc.), parents should contact their school nurse or local health department.
10. Students with chronic head lice may be referred for follow-up to the school's nurse or local health department, as appropriate.
11. Parents who identify head lice on their students at home are to complete treatment prior to the readmission of their student, as required above. Parents are also encouraged to notify the school of their student's condition so that appropriate preventative measures may be implemented at school.

See attached flowchart for guidelines.



When live lice are found on recheck(s):

- Encourage parent to review treatment information;
- Retreat only as directed on product instructions;
- Re-send head lice treatment information, if necessary.

For ongoing concerns consult with your school nurse.