

8451 - HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)

Head lice outbreaks have become common in the schools and do not reflect upon a person's environment. They spread among school children as they may transfer from head to head or from clothes or personal items such as combs, brushes and hats.

Head Lice (Pediculosis) Exclusion Policy:

- A. Presence of live lice or eggs (before treatment) will constitute exclusion from school. Students will be readmitted when treatment is assured and live lice or eggs are not seen. (Sec. HSS 145.01, Wisconsin Administrative Code)
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- B. If nits or eggs are present in the seven to ten (7-10) days after the initial treatment, another treatment will be required. If no nits are present seven to ten (7-10) days after the initial treatment, another treatment is recommended, not required.
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- C. Egg cases or nits present (after treatment) in the hair are not grounds for exclusion unless this is a student's third case within three (3) months or less. The parent and/or guardian will be informed that the student will be readmitted to school only after his/her hair is nit-free.
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