

**DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONTROL OF PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)**

**EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL**

1. If a student is suspected of having pediculosis he/she will be referred to the School Nurse or his/her designee for assessment.
  - a. The school site administrator shall designate personnel employed by the District who are to receive training from the School Nurse for identification of head lice.
2. Confidentiality and sensitivity to the emotional impact of pediculosis infestation must be maintained at all times.
3. If live lice are found, siblings of the student and members of the same household should be assessed as soon as possible.
4. Children found to have live lice present shall be referred to the parent/guardian for treatment and excluded from school at the end of the school day.
5. Parents/guardians will be given information for recommended treatment of a pediculosis and a copy of the brochure "*A Parent Guide to Head Lice*".
6. The School Nurse shall be notified of all students excluded for the presence of live lice.
7. Excluded students will be re-examined by the School Nurse the following week for the presence of live lice.

**READMISSION TO SCHOOL**

1. All children excluded for the presence of live lice must be examined and readmitted by designated school personnel.
2. If louse free, the child is allowed to return to class. All nits do NOT need to be removed prior to the child returning to school.
3. At the time of readmission, parents/guardians should be instructed to continue to inspect their children for live lice twice daily for at least two weeks. If live lice are found, they need to remove them and re-treat with a pediculocide.

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## TREATMENT SOURCES

1. Families may be referred to the following sources of care treatment:

Private source of medical care  
(Private Doctor)

Channel Medical Center  
701 E. Channel  
Phone: 944-4700 (by appointment only)

San Joaquin General Hospital  
Family Practice Clinic  
500 W. Hospital Road French Camp  
Phone: 468-6820 (by appointment only)

San Joaquin County Public Health  
1601 E. Hazelton Ave.  
Phone: 468-3830

2. There are a variety of non-prescription head lice treatments available, and most are covered MediCal if authorized by a physician. Prescription medication is also available through your physician.

### **Examples:**

#### Non-Prescription

RID Pure Alternative  
R & C Shampoo  
NIX (Crème Rinse)  
Lice Ice

Triple X  
A – 200 Pyrinate  
Lice Cure  
RID

Be Nice to Lice  
Lice B Gone  
Hair Clean

## CLASSROOM CONTROL

1. **NO** shared combs/brushes at any time.
2. **NO** shared clothing or head gear without proper cleaning after each use.  
This includes dress-up clothes, hats, safety helmets, sweaters, coats, paint smocks, etc.
3. Coats and sweaters should be kept at individual desks and chairs, or stored in individual boxes or cubby holes.
4. All headphones should be wiped down after each use.
5. Rugs should be vacuumed daily.
6. All cots used for naps should be cleaned after each use, and there should be no shared pillows, sheets or blankets.
7. Information regarding the prevention and control of Pediculosis should be reviewed frequently with students **at every grade level.**

## PARENT NOTIFICATION

1. Information regarding head lice may also be periodically included in parent and student newsletters. Presentations and resources regarding head lice are available through Health Services for parent groups, staff in-services, or student health education units.