



PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Background

Alberta Health sees lice as a nuisance that poses little risk to health.

The Division recognizes the concerns parents may have by the transmission of lice (pediculosis) in schools and therefore encourages close communication between school staff and parents when cases occur. Care will be taken to protect the individual from undue invasion of privacy.

Procedures

1. If the school becomes aware of a case of lice on a student the school will contact the parent/guardian with preventative and remedial procedures for dealing with instances of pediculosis. Appendix 315A – Routine Treatment Recommended for Pediculosis is recommended as a reference.
2. If a school is informed of a case of pediculosis within a classroom, the school will then provide parents of that class with information on detection and treatment.
3. If the school becomes aware of a case of pediculosis on a student, they will contact the parents of that student.

Reference:

- [Education Act, S.A. 2012, E. O.3 Section 31, 52, 196, 197](#)
- Alberta Health Services