

RSU 10 HEAD LICE GUIDELINES

1. Children who are symptomatic (scratching persistently) will be referred to the school nurse.
2. The nurse will evaluate the case and take appropriate action as recommended by the Maine Department of Education, maintaining confidentiality for the child.
3. If the school nurse is not present, the student will remain in class and the school nurse will evaluate the student at the next available visit.
4. In difficult or chronic cases, the school nurse will develop a plan with the student, the student's family and other staff members as appropriate with the goal of limiting loss of class time.

Additional guidelines:

Mass screenings will not be performed.

Staff should discourage students from head to head contact as much as possible during the school day.

Staff should not have head to head contact with students.

Education will be provided periodically throughout the school year.

Questions should be directed to your school nurse.

Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics
 Center for Disease Control
 Harvard School of Public Health
 Maine Department of Education Health Advisory Committee
 National Association of School Nurses

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