

Considerations When Head Lice Are Discovered

Child	Home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Live head lice discovered. <input type="checkbox"/> Nits within ¼ inch of scalp. <input type="checkbox"/> Treat for head lice in a manner consistent with your beliefs and resources. <input type="checkbox"/> Remove head lice and nits by combing through hair with a nit comb. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify school office of treatment used. Child may return to school once treated for head lice. Stop in the school office upon return. <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat per product directions. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your healthcare provider if you are unable to get rid of head lice. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the child’s head for live head lice or nits ongoing. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss not sharing hats and hair care items with others and respecting personal space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a head lice check of everyone in the home; treat anyone found with live lice or nits within ¼ inch of the scalp. <input type="checkbox"/> Wash items used in the past 2 days such as bedding, coats, clothes, hats/mittens of those found to have live head lice or share the bed with those found to have live head lice. Use hot water and or hot dryer if fabric allows. <input type="checkbox"/> Wash hairbrushes, combs, hair ties in hot soapy water, rinse, and air dry. <input type="checkbox"/> Bag any items that cannot be washed in a plastic bag secured closed for 14 days, mark date to open. <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum furniture, mattresses, pillows, and floors. <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid using head lice sprays indoors. <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat anyone who was originally found to have live head lice or nits within ¼ inch of scalp per product directions.
Vehicle	Friends/Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum interior of vehicle. <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum car seats and boosters. <input type="checkbox"/> Wash any blankets/pillows/toys used within the past 2 days that are kept in the vehicle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notify others your child has been around during the previous 2 days, so those individuals are checked for head lice. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss not sharing hats and hair care items with others and respecting personal space. <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat anyone who was originally found to have live head lice or nits within ¼ inch of scalp per product directions. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a head lice check routine for your family.
Head Lice Treatment Products	Other Help
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read the directions on the product you choose. <input type="checkbox"/> Follow the directions exactly as stated. <input type="checkbox"/> Understand when to wash hair following a treatment or products to avoid before a treatment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> School nurses can offer guidance or head lice checks of family members. <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacists can answer questions about head lice treatment products sold in the pharmacy. <input type="checkbox"/> Health care providers can assist with head lice treatment recommendations and possible prescription, so your insurance covers the cost.