



Senate Bill 151: School District Head Lice Policy

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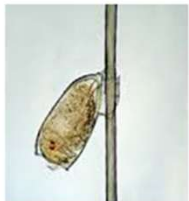
What Does SB 151 Do?

- Requires school districts to adopt a head lice policy
- Requires districts to educate students and parents on lice prevention
- Requires DEED to reimburse school districts 20% of the cost to employ a nurse if these provisions are met:
 - The nurse works at a school in the district that serves grades K-8
 - The district employs the nurse on at least a half-time basis
 - The district performs lice checks on at least 95% of students in a manner that protects student privacy – NO mass lice checks
 - The district submits a report to DEED by July 1



What are Lice?

- Parasites
- Feed on human blood
- Usually live in your scalp



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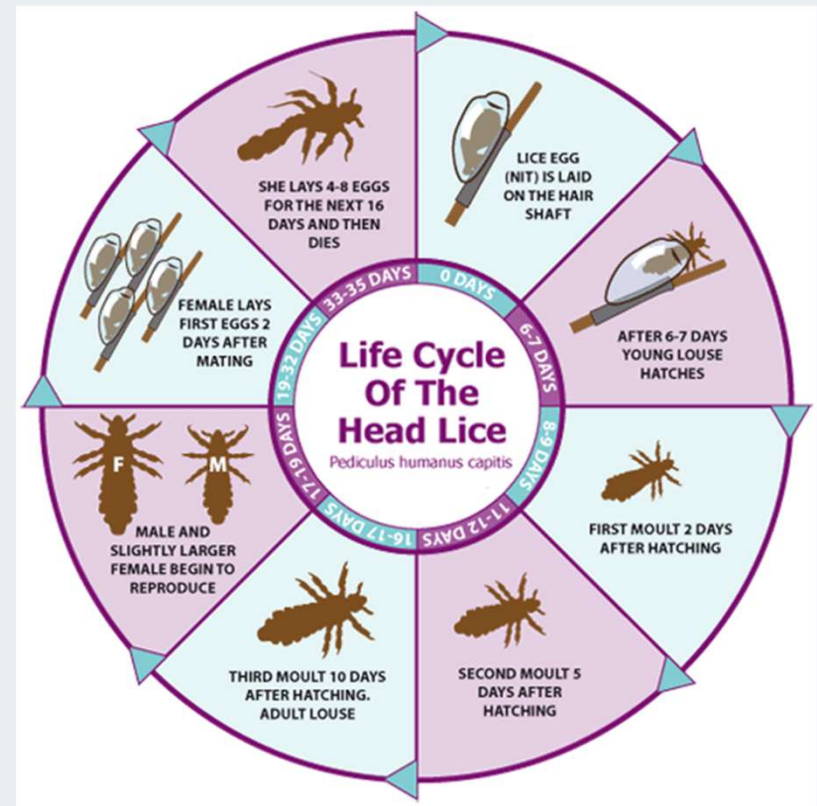


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ADULT LOUSE

Life Cycle of Lice



How Do They Spread? Who is at Risk?

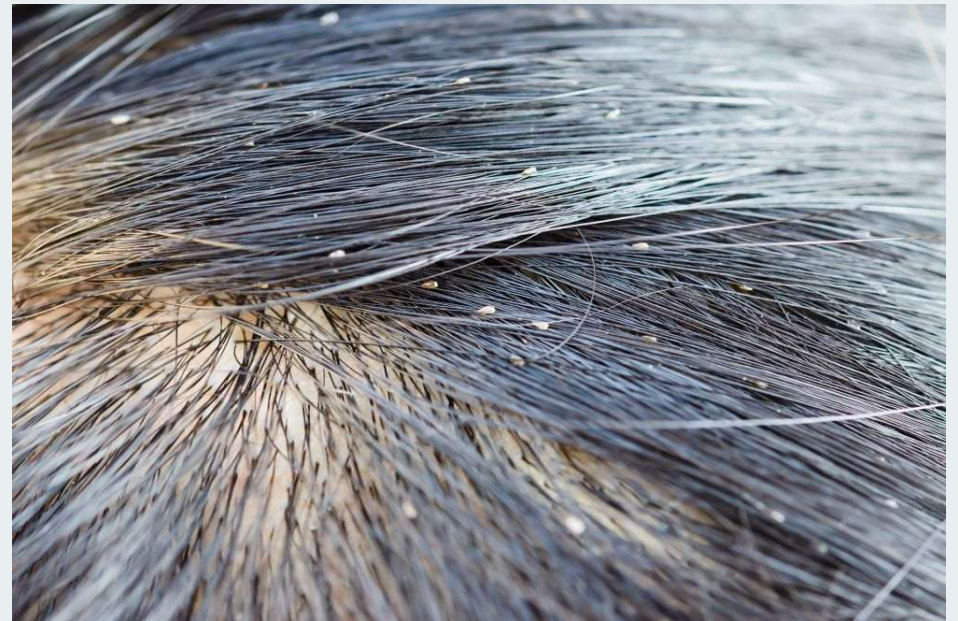
- Pre and Elementary school aged students
- Move by crawling
- Most common transmission is head-to-head contact
- Can be spread through other forms of contact



How Can Students Avoid Lice?

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- Avoid head-to-head contact with other people
- Do not share hats, scarves, coats or other clothing that is worn near the head
- Do not share brushes, combs, towels, or hair accessories



CDC Recommendations

- Do not need to send students with a lice infestation home early from school
- Students with lice can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after beginning treatment



How to Tell if You Have a Lice Infestation:

- Itching
- Feeling movement in hair
- Sores on the head
- Can be found in hair, eyebrows, and eyelashes
- Eggs(nits) present near scalp



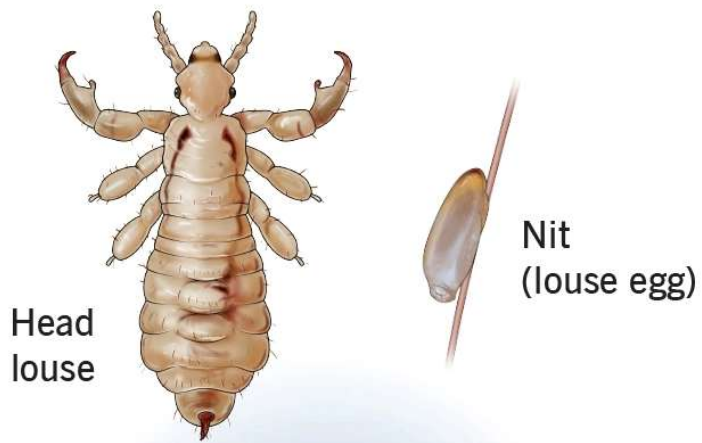
Treating Lice

- Non-prescription:
 - Shampoos containing permethrin (Nix)
 - A lotion containing ivermectin (Sklice)
- Prescription:
 - Ivermectin
 - Malathion
 - Spinosad
 - Ulesfia
- Self & Home Care:
 - Nit comb
 - Washing sheets and clothes
 - Clean brushes & combs
 - Vacuum floor & furniture



Questions?

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