



PARENT~ Lice Information Sheet

TMES/TMMS

1. Head lice are NOT a crisis. It is a nuisance disease.
2. Head lice are not related to poor personal hygiene.
3. Head lice do not cause any other disease.
4. Head lice do not jump, hop or fly from person to person.
Transmission occurs by close personal contact or transfer of nits/lice onto objects such as hats, coats, scarves, combs, hair brushes, hair ornaments, pillows and blankets. Recommend that children do not share these items.
5. Contagious period is while viable adult lice and nits are present.
6. Head lice can be cleared by applying a special shampoo. NIX, RID and A200 are some of the products available at any drug store to kill head lice. These products are safe for infants, children and pregnant women.
7. Treatment of the home environment must be done concurrently with the treatment of the infected individual.
The following steps are recommended:
 - Check all other family members
 - Vacuum surfaces, furniture and car seats that have come in contact with the individual's head.
 - Launder in hot water any items that have come in contact with the individual's head. These include hats, coats, scarves, sweaters, pillow cases, sheets, blankets, combs and other hair items. Dry on a hot dryer setting. Items that cannot be washed in this manner must be sealed in a tightly closed plastic bag for 14 days.
8. Educate your child as to how lice are spread. Warn them not to share items that touch the head hair.
9. For more information, contact your medical provider or the Department of Health.