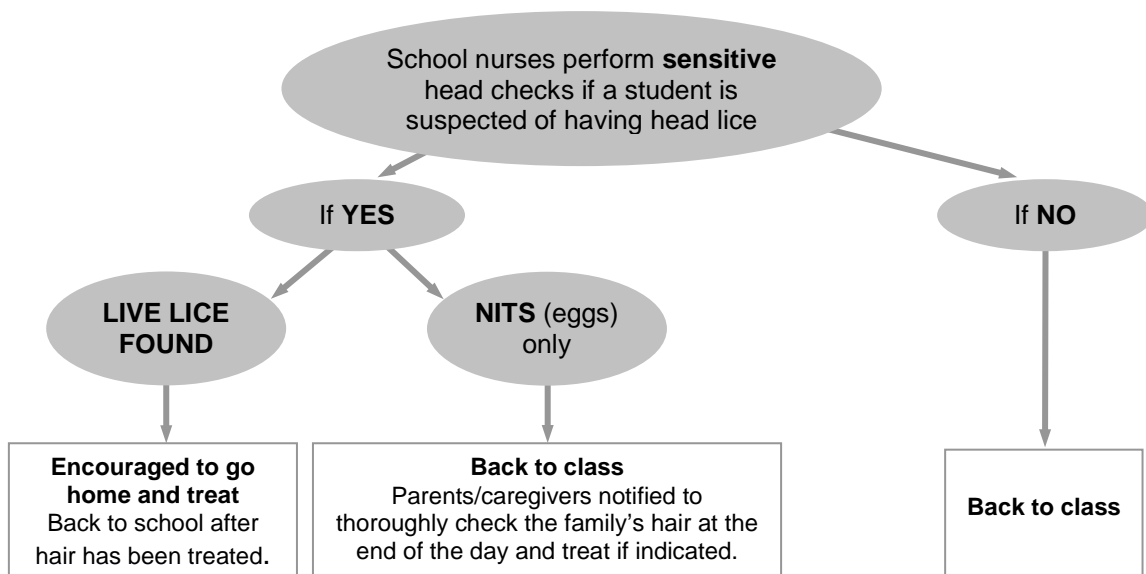




School Head Lice Management Protocol



Teacher suspects a student has head lice

- If a teacher suspects a student has head lice, he or she should notify the nurse and the nurse will contact the parent for permission to perform a sensitive head check.
- If permission is granted, the child will be sent to the health office and an individual head check is done.
- If live lice are found, the parent/caregiver will be notified and encouraged to begin treatment as soon as possible.
- If the parent/caregiver is unable to begin treatment during the school day, the student will remain in school until dismissal.
- If the student goes home for treatment he/she should return to school the same day or the following day.
- The parent/caregiver notifies the school nurse that treatment has occurred.
- The school nurse will monitor transmission within the school.



Parent identifies or suspects head lice

- The parent/caregiver notifies the school nurse that head lice has been identified and treatment has occurred or the parent requests that the school nurse perform a head check at school in the health office.
- The parent will follow-up with the school nurse regarding repeat treatment in 10 days.
- The school nurse will monitor transmission within the classroom & school.
- Parents may be notified by letter if more cases are identified within the classroom



Communication regarding head lice at school

- Parents will be notified about head lice in a class room if a cluster of 2 or more confirmed cases during a 14 day period has been identified
 - Parents are encouraged to perform regular head checks at home
 - Head lice is not a public health threat
 - Average head lice transmission in school is very low (.3%)
 - The majority (80%) of head lice cases at school are isolated
 - Protecting student confidentiality is a priority