

Marshall County Office of Coordinated School Health

Head Lice Treatment Checklist

Your child, _____, has head lice and/or nits. This may be the first time your child has had head lice and you aren't sure what to do to get rid of them, or to ensure that your family does not become infested. You may have already treated your child but the infestation has reoccurred and needs to be dealt with again. **Students are expected to return to school within 2 days. Any other absences will be unexcused. Continued absence for lice will require administrative action.**

The following checklist is designed to help you in this process.

Your child may return to school upon verification of treatment (medication box top is acceptable) and upon signed completion of this checklist. Both items must be brought to the school nurse. The school nurse will do an inspection of your child's head at that time **before** your child is allowed to return to the classroom. The parent/guardian's presence is **required** for this inspection.

Please circle **YES** or **NO** for each question:

- YES** **NO** 1. Did your child have treatment with a special shampoo for killing head lice?
- YES** **NO** 2. Did you comb your child's hair with a fine-toothed comb to remove nits/eggs after the shampoo?
- YES** **NO** 3. Did **ALL** family members put on clean, laundered clothes after treatment?
- YES** **NO** 4. Were **ALL** brushes, combs, hair accessories, hats, etc. cleaned in hot soapy water?
- YES** **NO** 5. Were **ALL** clothes which had been worn before the shampoo treatment washed in hot soapy water?
- YES** **NO** 6. Was **ALL** bedding (pillows, pillow cases, sheets, blankets, bed spreads) washed in hot soapy water or professionally dry cleaned?
- YES** **NO** 7. Were bath towels and washcloths washed in hot soapy water & dried in a hot clothes dryer?
- YES** **NO** 8. Were **ALL** hats, coats, and backpacks washed in hot soapy water & dried in a hot clothes dryer?
- YES** **NO** 9. Is the entire house/car being vacuumed daily for the next 10 days, including furniture, cushions, pillows, mattresses, cars and car seats? This is a very important step that cannot be skipped as this is where lice like to hide.
- YES** **NO** 10. Have you notified any sleepover guests that they may possibly be infested so they can take similar precautions?
- YES** **NO** 11. Does everyone in the household understand **NOT** to share clothing, combs, brushes, & hair accessories?
- YES** **NO** 12. Do you understand that in ten days you should repeat the shampoo treatment & other procedures if anyone in the household shows signs of being infested?

If you have appropriately answered & circled YES to all the previous questions, the chances of your child getting head lice again from within the home are minimal. You also will have done your part to control the spread of head lice in your child's school.

Thank you for your help & cooperation in this matter.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date