

Treatment for the home

Home treatment must be done as well as personal treatments

- ◆ Wash and dry pillowcases, sheets, clothes, stuffed animals and towels.
- ◆ Vacuuming of all floors, furniture, and beds must be done daily.
- ◆ Combs and Brushes should be cleaned daily.
- ◆ Cloth items that cannot be cleaned should be put in the dryer daily or bagged up in airtight containers for a minimum of three weeks.
- ◆ Wash clothing daily.
- ◆ Don't forget to vacuum your car if the infested person has been in it.

There is never any need to throw away sheets, pillows, drapes, or clothing. Please contact the health department for further explanation of all house-cleaning duties.



Most importantly—don't panic!! A few lice will not hurt your child. Many children feel guilty for causing their parents an "inconvenience" by contracting lice. Assure them they did nothing wrong. Have your child help you with the housecleaning, use the time spent treating your child's head as time for uninterrupted communication.

Lice Myths

- ◆ Pesticides kill nits
-**truth:** Pesticides only kill live lice, nits still need to be removed manually
- ◆ Head lice are a sign of poor hygiene
-**truth:** It is much easier for a louse to move around and feed in clean hair, given the choice they will always choose the person with cleaner hair.
- ◆ Lice fly, jump and attack people
-**truth:** Lice only crawl and by nature they are lazy creatures so unless their environment is disturbed the lice to stay on one head, eat and reproduce!
- ◆ Lice can be contracted from a family pet
-**truth:** while animals do carry lice, they are a different type of lice which humans cannot contract
- ◆ Lice can make you sick
-**truth:** There is no evidence in the United States that lice can harm you medically, they are only a nuisance.
- ◆ Lice can live off of the human head for a long period of time.
-**truth:** Lice must feed on a regular basis (on the scalp) so if you cut off their food supply then they will only live 24-72 hours.



The Clark County Combined Health District does not set the policies at any local schools. We are available as a resource and to educate the public regarding lice control and treatments.

Lice Control and Education Program

Lice Treatment Options



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Provided by:

The Clark County Combined Health District in collaboration with the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services.

Contact Michelle Rhoads
937-390-5600 Ext. 280

Help is available :

If you are unsure if your child has lice or nits you may bring your child to the Clark County Combined Health District, Mon, Tues, Wed, or Fri from 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM. A Public Health Nurse will check your child's head, as well as other members of the family. The nurse will help you to identify the lice, review treatment with you, and answer any questions you may have.

For your convenience the Clark County Combined Health District has several items for sale at cost (non-chemical lice shampoo for example) to help combat lice infestations in the home.

Treatment Assistance:

If you need assistance with treatment of your family members the health department has two programs *by appointment only* to help you.

- 1) Home Visit Program—A nurse will come to your home and help you with treatments, education, and housecleaning tips.
- 2) Lousebuster Treatment—A one hour in office treatment that kills lice and nits using a continuous, forced, warm, and dry air method.

Please call Michelle Rhoads to find out financial qualifiers for both assistance programs.

Lousebuster Treatment

- ◆ Kills 99.2% of nits in the head and most of the live lice
- ◆ One hour in office treatment
- ◆ No messy shampoos or alternative treatments
- ◆ No use of chemicals
- ◆ Can be used on any length of hair
- ◆ Minimizes the time needed for housecleaning
- ◆ Available for most people over 4 years of age
- ◆ Minimal cost when compared against traditional treatments
- ◆ Typically faster than traditional treatments, allowing your child to reenter school sooner

Home Visit Program

- ◆ A qualified nurse comes to your home around your school or work schedule
- ◆ Children feel more comfortable, less intimidated within their own home, allowing better treatment results
- ◆ Only non-chemical treatments are used
- ◆ Assistance with the physical removal of lice and/or nits from any affected family members
- ◆ Treatments and other tools provided to the family necessary to combat head lice
- ◆ Personalized education and support given to ensure the fastest possible resolution to the issue

