

Disease: Lice (Pediculosis)

Symptoms: Infestation the head hair or other hairy parts of the body or of clothing with lice or nits. Nits or eggs are tiny white or brownish rice-shaped particles stuck to hair, close to scalp.

Time from Exposure to Illness: Eggs hatch in one week

School Action and Comments on Communicability:

- 1. Exclude until lice and nits are treated with approved shampoo. School to reexamine student 10 days after treatment. Retreat with approved shampoo in 7-10 days.**
- 2. Considered communicable until treated.**
- 3. Advise exam of household contacts for nits and lice.**

Source of Infection and How It Spreads: Louse transmitted primarily by direct contact with infested person. Lice can also be transmitted through combs, brushes, bedding, wearing apparel, and upholstered furniture. (Contact your school nurse for more specific directions.)