

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (PHN)— PREVENTION OF HEAD LICE

Public Health Nurse:

- Screens students with suspected head lice infestations.
- Contacts parents or guardians to discuss findings and required treatment, as needed.
- Provides Lice Treatment Verification forms to parents or guardians and collects completed forms from parents or guardians after each treatment.
- Tracks cases, monitors trends, and investigates outbreaks, as indicated.
- Inspects class close contacts or others who may have been exposed, as appropriate.
- Provides guidance to principal on extent of contact screening.
- Consults with school staff members and parents or guardians regarding lice.
- Provides health education for students and school staff members.
- Supports Fairfax County Public Schools-Fairfax County Health Department (FCPS-FCHD) Head Lice Guidelines to address pediculosis in the school setting.