



Three Rivers Local School District

Procedure to Reduce Incidence of Bed Bug Transmission

Information:

Bed bugs have been identified in Three Rivers School District, as well as in many other area school districts. Bed bugs do not fly or jump. They crawl and prefer darkness. As they are nocturnal, they move more slowly during the daylight hours. Bed bugs live off of the blood of their host. Please see 2nd page for photographs.

The following procedures are to be followed by school personnel for suspected and/or evidence of Bed Bugs:

1. Student sent to School Nurse/Health Aide
2. Inspection of rash (clustered, no clear bite center, itching, reddened).
If rash is typical Bed Bug rash (see attached picture):
 - a) Request student to retrieve belongings (coat, book bag)
 - b) Inspect personal items as well as student's clothing
3. If bites or bug is found on student:
 - a) Bag personal belongings and have parent bring a change of clean clothing that has been in the dryer for 30 minutes at 180 degrees or higher.
 - b) Report student's address to Hamilton County Health Department for inspection and assistance.
 - c) Call parent/guardian and School Nurse to inform of findings
 - Obtain history of bed bugs in the home
 - Educate parents on bed bugs (transmission, treatment, follow-up)
 - Provide parents with Fact Sheet
 - Offer community assistance: Hamilton County Health Department (9467832) for home inspection if necessary

If a bed bug and/or bites are found on a student and/or their belongings, the student must check in with the nurse/health aide immediately upon arrival to school for 7 consecutive days and once a week for the next 3 weeks. Belongings (coat/backpack) are to be bagged for the initial 7 days in the clinic. If new bites are found, an additional week of daily checks is needed. The affected classroom will have student belongings bagged during one full month period until the infestation is resolved. Classrooms and buses will be treated as determined by the building administrator and the district school nurse.

In-School recommendations if bed bugs are present:

Classroom-teachers/bus drivers:

- Minimize clutter in classroom/bus
- Keep personal items brought into classroom/bus to a minimum
- Keep personal items (purse, brief case, coat, lunch bag) separate from students' belongings and off the floor
- Change clothing/shoes when you get home and place items in the dryer for 30 minutes on high. This is to kill any bed bugs and/or eggs.

Classroom-students

- Keep coats, hats, book bags in plastic bags, hung on hooks.
- Ideal to have separate 'locker area, such as individual 'cubbie' to hang coat and store books separate from other students and teachers.

Classroom-cleaning:

- Vacuum frequently
- If a bed bug is found, lay down glue (pest) strips to identify presence of bugs

Community Education

Please contact District School Nurse Holly Nicolaou, RN for further information.



Bed Bugs gather at mattress seams



Live Bed Bug



Bite patterns of bed bugs

