



Communicable Disease Prevention and Control  
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## **EXPOSURE NOTICE**

Dear Parents:

On \_\_\_\_\_ your child may have been exposed to the communicable disease or condition that is listed below. The information provided does not replace talking with your healthcare provider if your child is ill. ***If your child has symptoms, please seek diagnosis and treatment from your healthcare provider.***

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/CONDITION**

**HEAD LICE:** Tan-colored insects that feed on blood from the scalp.

**What are the symptoms?** Itching of the scalp and/or neck.

**How is it spread?** Head-to-head touching with the hair of an affected person. Sharing combs, brushes, hats, blankets, or sheets. Storing contaminated items without washing them between uses.

**When do symptoms start?** Can be immediate and up to 3 weeks after exposure.

**Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes. However, your child may stay until the end of the program or school day.

**When can my child return to school/childcare?** Your child can return after treatment is completed.

**Note:** For additional information, go to the California Department of Public Health website:

- English:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/AParentsGuidetoHeadLice.pdf>
- Español:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/UnaGuiaParaPadresDeFamiliaSobreLosPiojosdeLaCabeza.pdf>