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COMMON INFESTATIONS (Bugs, Fleas, Lice, Mites, & Ticks)

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8451 - **COMMON INFESTATIONS (Bugs, Fleas, Lice, Mites, & Ticks)**

Infestations are a universal problem and are particularly prevalent among school-age children. Control of common infestations is best handled by adequate treatment of the infected person and his/her immediate household and any other personal contacts. Infestations are spread most commonly by the direct sharing of clothing, hair-to-hair contact, personal body contact, and/or belongings. Most of these common infestations are not known to spread diseases with the exception of ticks.

Students and school staff often discover bite marks on the body. These bite marks are often the first sign of a bug infestation. There are many species of bloodsucking mites and insects some of which typically include fleas, body lice, head lice, spiders, ticks, bed bugs, bees, wasps and mosquitoes.

The school nurse or designee which may include a building administrator shall be the only ones authorized to conduct the examination of bites marks on students. Communication from the school nurse/school to parents will take place upon examination regarding the next steps necessary to treat the infestation or bites marks. The school nurse will inform the building administrator of results of any examination that warrant immediate and/or overnight treatment. Parents will need to continually observe their child(ren) for this potential problem and treat adequately and appropriately as necessary.

If a student in the Corporation is found to have a common infestation, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted to have the child treated prior to returning to school. The student may remain in school travel home as arranged by the parent and the school nurse, designee, or school administrator. In the event a potentially harmful bite mark, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately.

After treatment and upon the child's return to school, the student will be examined by the school nurse or designee, which may include the building administrator. The Corporation shall practice a policy of what is best for the student and welfare of the school children and school staff.

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