

Dear Parents,

The health and safety of our children and staff is of the utmost importance to us. Therefore, we wanted to let you know that we have confirmed case of Head Lice at our center. Rest assured, we are taking every precaution to prevent the further spread of this.

The most common sign of infestation is intense itching on the back of the head or neck. Any family member with signs or symptoms should be treated immediately. If detected, the problem is easily managed. Your doctor may prescribe a medicated shampoo or advise you to get any of several non-prescription products available from a drugstore or local retailer. Whatever treatment you choose, please follow the directions carefully and inform our center as soon as possible.

Head lice are spread by having direct contact with infected people and articles such as combs, brushes, bedding, and towels. We are asking that all personal washable belongings be taken home today, laundered, and returned in a resealable plastic bag. We recommend that you soak all combs, brushes, etc. in boiling water for at least 10 minutes, as well as wash exposed clothing, bed linens, and towels in hot water and dry in a dryer on the hot cycle for at least 20 minutes. Repeat treatment daily for the next 10 to 14 days to kill any newly hatched lice.

For everyone's added safety, we encourage you to follow the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for prevent the spread of germs and disease, including:

- Washing hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, making sure to scrub the backs of hands, wrists, between fingers, and under fingernails
- Using disposable/paper towels to dry hands; cloth towels can harbor bacteria
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, as well.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated and then touches his or her eyes, mouth, and nose.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. We thank you for your cooperation and continued confidence in our Discovery Point center.

Sincerely,

Discovery Point Management

