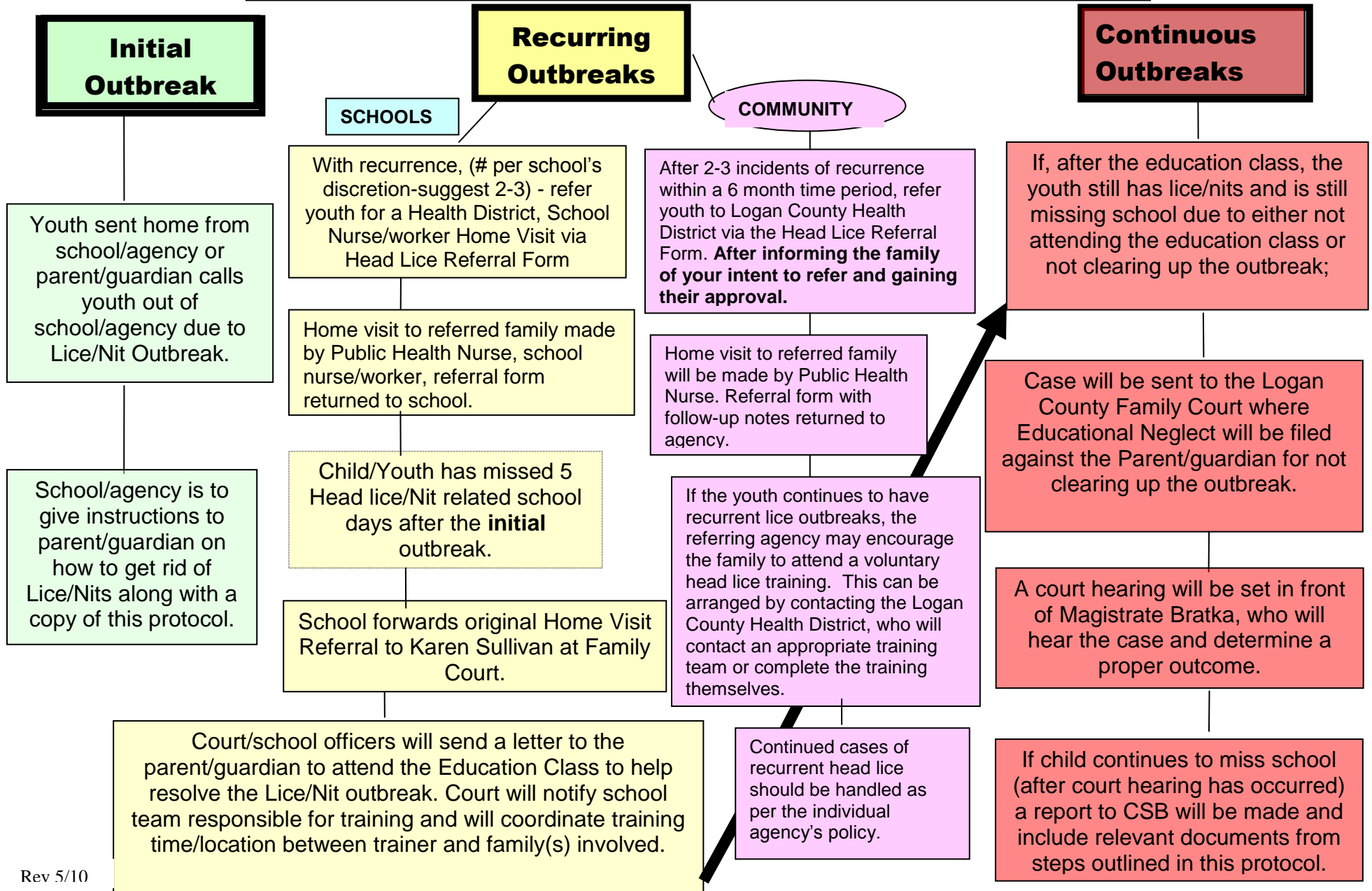


HEADLICE ELIMINATION PROTOCOL FOR LOGAN COUNTY School Systems and Community



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Does the school count the day the child is sent home from school as excused or unexcused?
*When sent home from school for the first time due to having lice, this absent is marked as excused.
The excused absence is still counted as a Lice related school absence in our tracking numbers. (in other words both excused & unexcused absences from school due to lice are provided for our county data)*
2. Does the protocol start back over each time a child gets lice over the school year or do absences add up over the course of the school year?
The protocol is for the entire school year. Therefore an absence in September and two in January of the same school year would be a total of three absences due to lice. The count would not start over again in January.
3. Who do the health district referrals go to?
*Referral go to the school district nurse from the HEALTH DISTRICT identified on the Lice Training Teams Roster.
If the school district nurse is not available, referrals can be forwarded to Cindy Mabrey, at the Health District.*
4. How long does it take for a Health District Home visit to occur after the referral is received?
Less than 1-week.
5. Our school lender light clasp is broken and will not stand up or clasp onto anything.
See Tod Scarpella – he is inventing a replacement stand for their lender light.
6. Do community agencies have to wait for 6-months before they can make a referral to the health district?
The referring agency can refer any time they think it appropriate...perhaps they just need to explain in cases where a re-referral is being made....as in a situation I know of from last year where a child with chronic head lice changed custodial parents in the middle of the process.
7. Further clarification is needed on gaining the families approval for making a community referral to the health district. Does this mean a signed release or consent should be completed by the client/student/custodian? Does this relate to the school referral process at all?
The referral from the community is different than that of the school. Most schools have policies written into their student manuals that explain the head lice policy. Where we have gotten into some sticky situations is when a physician's office makes a referral, but doesn't notify the family it's being done. At least one family felt that was a violation of HIPAA. I'm not sure a signed consent is necessary as long as there is documentation that the conversation took place. As far as other community referrals, I think it's important to look at the agency's individual policy. Some will say they may refer for the safety and welfare of the client. Agencies need to make sure they're in compliance with their own agency policies.
8. What is the point at which head lice becomes a mandated report pertinent to the following issues:
CSB encourages agencies to always make a mandated report when there is suspicion of abuse or neglect by a teacher or other mandated reporter whether the family is involved with CSB at the time or not. A mandated report does not always mean that the screening will lead to an investigation. Ohio rules specify guidelines for what the threshold is for CSB to take a mandated report and screen it in for an investigation. Keep in mind that all calls to CSB are important as screen-in guidelines take into account the number of mandated reports or concerns that have been made on a case. Regarding emotional maltreatment of the child, a screen-in could include a situation where the parent is threatening or doing extreme and sinister punishment that is repeated and prolonged. This situation is causing significant stress to the child and may be resulting in mental health issues surfacing for the child. Regarding neglect of health issues, a screen-in could include a child who has untreated head lice with open sores and/or infection that is persistent and not being cared for. Further questions can be directed to Melanie Engle or Emily Pool at Logan Co. CSB 599-7290.
9. Does the protocol operate the same for students living outside of Logan County?
Yes. Because the student is going to school in Logan County, charges will stay in Logan County even if the child is not living within the county.