

Students

SUBJECT: BED BUGS

If a bed bug is found on a student, it may indicate that the student has bed bugs at home. However, bed bugs can crawl onto or off of a person (or their belongings) at any time, so it is also possible that the bed bug was brought to school by someone else.

If a suspected bed bug is found on a student or a student's belongings, the following procedures should be followed:

- a) The student should be discreetly removed from the classroom and brought to appropriate BCH unit so a qualified individual can examine the student's clothing and other belongings. Any bugs found will be removed and collected for identification.
- b) If a confirmed bed bug was found on a student, then designated staff will contact the student's parents or guardians to inform them of the bed bug presence on their child.
- c) The school principal will consider notifying the affected class or classes. A notification letter may be sent to parents of students in the classes.
- d) Students will not be excluded from school due to bed bugs unless repeated efforts to remedy the infestation have failed.
- e) Schools will not be closed due to bed bug presence.
- f) If pest management is necessary it will normally be targeted to certain areas of the school.
- g) Ongoing pest management that includes the use of pesticides indoors is overseen by BCH and complies with medical infection control standards as well as New York State Education Department's integrated pest management regulations.