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LICE EXPOSURE NOTICE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child may have been exposed to the communicable disease or condition detailed below. The information provided does not replace talking with your health care provider if your child is ill or affected. *If your child has symptoms, please seek diagnosis and treatment from your health care provider as soon as possible.*

LICE: Tan colored parasitic insects that feed on blood from the scalp and can be found on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes.

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

How is it spread? Lice are most commonly spread by close person-to-person contact. However, much less frequently, they are spread by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice have crawled or nits attached to shed hairs may have fallen.

When do symptoms start? Symptoms usually begin 1 to 5 days after being exposed to lice.

Should I keep my child at home and away from group settings (i.e. preschool, childcare)? Yes, until treatment is completed **and** child meets preschool/school's readmission criteria.

Any questions concerning this exposure can be directed to your child's preschool/school office at (650) 562-7611.

*For additional information about this or any communicable disease, visit
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/2012HeadLiceEng.pdf>.*

Remember, washing your hands before preparing or eating food and after using the bathroom or changing diapers prevents the spread of disease.