



Bay Area Head Lice Information and Services

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General Information About Lice

Lice travel in "harems".

Lice can lay 8-10 eggs per day, usually in a "penny" or circle formation.

It takes 8-10 days for a louse egg to hatch.

Eggs are laid ¼ inch from the scalp.

Lice and nits can be found anywhere on the head, not just behind ears and at the nape of the neck.

It can be hard to find lice because they move quickly once spotted on the head and nits are so small and somewhat camouflaged.

Lice are like chameleons and can adapt their color to the color of the person's hair.

Lice don't jump or hop, they crawl.

Lice need blood to feed and survive. If a louse does not have blood, it can only survive about 24 hours off of the blood supply (off the head).

Lice feed on blood about every 5 hours.

The following table was displayed to demonstrate some possible correlations between blood type and the frequency of lice cases for each blood type. Correlation may have to do with O+ being the most common blood type.

Blood Type	Percentage	Frequency
O +	37%	1 in 3 people
A +	36%	1 in 3 people
B +	9%	1 in 12 people
O -	7%	1 in 15 people
A -	6%	1 in 16 people
AB +	3%	1 in 29 people
B -	1%	1 in 67 people
AB -	1%	1 in 67 people

Prevention

Tie up long hair.

Do not share hats, helmets, brushes, combs, hair clips, scarves, or jackets.

Periodically do a visual check and a good comb through.

Treatments if your child gets lice

Combing and pulling out the lice bugs and the nit eggs are the most effective ways to end a lice problem.

Toxic treatments do not kill all the lice and nits.

Combing should be done for a 3 week period, at least once every two-three days.

Lice Patrol recommends the Terminator Nit Comb and the Nit Free Mint Spray. This spray can break down the "cement" that glues the nit to each hair strand.

Check all family members, have someone else check you.

Vacuum couches, chairs and car seats.

Wash bedding and clothes and put in the dryer for 30 minutes or Bag items for 24 hours.