

Bed Bug Response Flowchart for Schools

A Bed Bug is found on a child's clothing or belongings.

Discreetly remove child from classroom. Carefully collect the bug for positive identification. Qualified individual should examine clothes, belongings, locker, etc. for presence of bed bugs. Place child's items into a tightly sealed plastic bag.

Notify child's parents. Send appropriate educational materials home with the student. Provide guidance on the inspection of the residence, the need for sanitation measures, pest control, etc. Consider the need for sending home a parent notification letter with all affected students. Contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Health as necessary for assistance.

Parent acknowledges bed bug infestation or finds evidence of an infestation in the residence.

Encourage rapid response by parents to treat the infestation. Additional guidance is available from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH).

If repeated instances occur at school, follow established policy and enlist the assistance of appropriate agencies.

No evidence of a bed bug infestation is found.

Investigate other potential sources of bed bugs.

A Bed Bug is found in a classroom or common area in the school.

Have trained staff and/or licensed pest control operator thoroughly inspect individual rooms, common areas, students' belongings, etc. for evidence of a bed bug infestation. Consider the need for sending home a parent notification letter with students in affected classroom or all students as deemed appropriate. Contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Health as necessary for assistance.

Inspection reveals evidence of a bed bug infestation.

Follow school Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and conduct appropriate treatment and control measures.

Notify staff and parents of the treatment and control measures conducted at the school.

Inspection reveals no evidence of a bed bug infestation.

Continue to monitor the classroom and building for activity. Provide education for appropriate staff so they can identify and respond accordingly to bed bug concerns as they arise in the future.

* Please refer to www.ccbh.net or www.cuyahogabedbugs.org for detailed information and educational materials on preventing and responding to Bed Bug infestations in a school.



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