

Lice

- **Lice** are extremely common, especially among pre-school children attending child care, elementary school children, and the household members of these infested children.
- An estimated 6 million to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children 3 to 11 years of age.
- Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun. For additional information about head lice in schools, visit www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html.
- Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.
- Head lice present a nuisance, but do not spread disease.
- Resources from the CDC are available at www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html.