



EXTERNAL INFESTATION MANAGEMENT POLICY

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External Infestations	Meant to include all external infestations like headlice, mites, ticks, bed bugs, or any other insects that can travel via belongings, clothing, or hair that cause bodily discomfort.
Program Leaders	Staff members in charge of programming or services.
Reasonable Time	This calculation is done through expected time of departure from current location or the location of a designate.

1. Amendments

Minor or administrative amendments to this policy that do not alter its intention or core criteria may be made with the approval of the Executive Director, without requiring formal review or approval by Chief and Council

2. Purpose

This policy is intended to be used to inform staff decisions and parents or guardians on external infestations and its direct effects on children, their families and band programming and services. This policy aims to describe the roles and responsibilities of each party in preventing and treating external infestations.

3. Background

Wahnapitae First Nation recognizes that external infestations (e.g. head lice, bed bugs) are not a disease, but an aggravating condition. Although Canadian Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments do not recognize external infestations as a serious medical concern; Wahnapitae First Nation exercises its right as a self-governing nation to limit the spread of these conditions. Because of this, all parties involved need to work in collaboration to achieve this goal.

4. Responsibilities

Staff Responsibilities:

- Staff members shall become informed about the prevention and treatment of all external infestations that apply to their programs or services.
- Upon the detection of an external infestation, program leaders shall communicate to all parents or guardians concerned about the discovery of the external infestation.
 - o Program leaders will also provide recommended methods of treatment provided by relevant professionals.
- Confidentiality of affected parties will be kept.
- Program leaders and staff will make reasonable effort with available resources to isolate the youth in order to prevent transmission of the condition.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Parents or guardians, upon being notified of their child's condition, must remove their child from all programming and services until the condition has been treated and no external infestation remain.
- Parents or guardians are solely responsible for the treatment and eventual eradication of the external infestation from their child.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring their child for external infestations and are required to inform program leaders or staff upon detection.
- Upon the completion of treatment, parents or guardians are required to get written notice from a medical professional attesting that their child no longer has an external infestation.