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BED BUGS

- If a confirmed bed bug is found on a student, the school principal, or designee, should contact that student's parent/guardian, to inform them of the bed bug presence on their child. The Bed Bug Guidance for Parents (Attachment H-I) should be provided to the parent/guardian, along with a parent/guardian notification letter (Attachment H-II).
- The school principal should consider notifying all parents or guardians in the affected class or classes (Attachment H-III).

Eliminating Bed Bugs from the Classroom

- DO NOT allow untrained staff to apply any pesticides on school property (even ready-to-use products like sprays).
- If bed bugs have been identified, backpacks, lunchboxes, and other items that travel back and forth to school can be inspected daily and sealed in plastic containers to prevent bed bugs from getting into them at home until the problem has been resolved.
- Hard surfaces can be cleaned with standard cleaning products.
- If bed bugs have been found repeatedly in a particular classroom, have the room re-inspected by a DCPS Custodial Services professional.

Infestation at Home

When a student is dealing with an infestation at home, it is important to be sensitive to their

