

## Bed Bug Guidelines from the Nassau County Department of Health



The resurgence of bed bugs has generated a lot of recent media attention and concern from the public. While there is no evidence that bed bugs spread disease and it is *unlikely* for bed bugs to be spread in schools, the Nassau County Department of Health has issued the following guidelines for schools:

- ✓ If a suspected bed bug is found on a student or the student's belongings, the child will be discreetly brought to the school nurse, who can perform an inspection.
- ✓ The area where the student sits and/or affected belongings will be checked, and the child's unneeded items will be placed in a large, tightly sealed plastic bag.
- ✓ Should a bed bug be confirmed, the parents will be notified and the area will be treated by a licensed pest control specialist.
- ✓ Students will not be identified during the notification process and will not be sent home.
- ✓ Parents/guardians will be advised to contact their physician for proper care and treatment of bed bug bites.
- ✓ Parents/guardians will be asked to send a clean, sealed, freshly laundered (and dried on a high heat setting) change of clothing as long as needed.
- ✓ While infestation is being treated in school and at home, the student should come to school with only essential items, and these items should be sealed in a plastic bag or tote while at home.

If parents/guardians have any questions regarding bed bugs in the Baldwin schools, please call Russ Randazzo, Director of School Facilities, or Craig Tupot, Director of Security, at 377-9312.

For further information, please refer to the following websites:

**Nassau County Department of Health:**

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/EnvHealth/bedbugs.html>

**Cornell Integrated Pest Management:**

[http://www.nysipm.cornell.edu/whats\\_bugging\\_you/bed\\_bugs/bedbugs\\_faqs.asp](http://www.nysipm.cornell.edu/whats_bugging_you/bed_bugs/bedbugs_faqs.asp)

**NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:**

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/vector/vector-faq1.pdf>

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/vector/vector-faq1.shtml>