

### Bed Bug Action Plan for Education Environments

Bed bug infestations in schools are uncommon. More common is that a few bed bugs will hitchhike into a school from an infested home by hiding in a student's clothing or backpack. These bed bugs could be carried home by another student, making the school a potential hub for bed bugs to spread.

The following steps should be taken if bed bugs are sighted in a school setting:

- If bed bugs are suspected or found on a person's belongings (jacket, backpack, etc.) place these items in heavy duty trash bags and seal it tightly.
- If the student shares a locker with another, all items should be inspected and isolated if needed.
- Inspect the area where the bed bugs were found for additional insects.
- Collect a sample of the insect for proper identification. Do NOT throw it away.
- Contact Wil-Kil Pest Control immediately to schedule a canine scent detection inspection or a visual inspection by a trained technician.
- Do NOT apply pesticides on school property. By law, only certified applicators may apply pesticides in schools or on school property.
- Once bed bugs have been properly and professionally identified, contact the parents of the student and inform them of the situation. If the student's home is infested with bed bugs, continued sightings and introductions of bed bugs into the school, may occur.

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