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  - (b) Students will be re-checked for lice and nits upon initial re-entry and at 7 and 14 days after re-entry into school.
    - (i) If live lice are present, the student will be excluded from school again.
    - (ii) If after 14 days live lice remain present, the student will be excluded again and must remain out of school until there are no lice or nits.

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