



## Bed Bugs

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We recently found a bed bug in your child's classroom. Bed bugs are a nuisance and can cause considerable discomfort, but their bites are not known to spread disease. Bed bugs are usually active at night and feed on human blood. The bite does not hurt at first, but it may become swollen and itch, much like a mosquito bite. Watch for clusters of bites, usually in a line, on exposed areas of the body. If you have medical concerns for you or your child, please contact your doctor.

The source of bed bugs often cannot be determined, as bed bugs may be found in many places including hotels, planes, and movie theaters. Even though it is unlikely for bed bugs to infest a school, PACT will conduct an inspection and, if needed, will implement our integrated pest management plan in the area where the bed bug was found.

PACT will continue to work to identify bed bugs, provide thorough inspections of schools and have licensed pest control specialists assist with pest management if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding bed bugs in your school, please contact the site supervisor. If you have any questions regarding bed bugs found in your home, contact your local health department or visit <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/pcbedbugs.htm>

Sincerely,

PACT Teacher