



Bed Bug Facts for Schools & Day Care Centers

Facts About Bed Bugs:

- Bed bugs are true insects
- Bed bugs are nocturnal
- Bed bugs prefer to feed on humans
- Bed bugs are visible without magnification
- Adult bed bugs can live for over a year between feedings
- Bed Bugs can be killed with heat above 120°F
- Bed Bugs are not known to spread disease
- Bed bugs do not fly or jump but can move quickly along floors, walls and ceilings
- Most people do not feel bed bugs bite
- The severity of welts and itching caused by the bites vary from person to person
- Bed bugs like to hide in the folds of fabric and crevices of wood



Adult bed bug

Bed Bugs Are On the Rise in Clermont County

An increasing number of bed bug complaints are being seen in Clermont County. This is not surprising given the flurry of activity around bed bugs in surrounding areas.



Immigration, international travel and restrictions in the use of effective pesticides are suspected in the rising number of bed bug infestations.

Although bed bugs are not known to spread disease from person to person the bites can cause severe reactions.

Bed bugs are difficult to treat. Treatment can take several months and be very costly taking an emotional and financial toll on families.

Bed bugs can be found anywhere. They are not selective of their habitat only that they like cracks and crevices to hide in and a human host.

Reducing Risks of Bed Bugs in Schools and Day Care Centers

Schools and Day Care Centers are at increasing risk of having bed bugs brought into their facility. This is simply because bed bugs can be effective hitchhikers and ride on clothing, blankets, backpacks and coats into the school/center.

Here are some tips to reduce your risk:

- Know what to look for, bed bugs are often mistaken for ticks or small roaches.
- Try to keep personal belongings separate as much as possible. Store

coats in individual lockers or cubbies.

- Limit cloth materials being brought into the facility. This may include blankets, stuffed animals and backpacks.

If you find a bed bug on a student or on clothing:

- Remove the bed bug and spray it with a 90% isopropyl alcohol solution. Bed bugs will die when directly sprayed with it.
- It is not advised to send a child home or prevent them from coming to school/day care due to

the length of time treatment takes.

Each facility will have to create guidelines based on their situation. It is better to know the risk and be proactive than to wait for an infestation to occur to take action. For additional information contact the Health District at (513) 732-7499 or at clermonthhealthdistrict.org

