Let’s Beat the Bug!
A Bed Bug Information Campaign to Better Prevent and Control Bed Bugs in Minnesota
www.bedbugs.umn.edu

Response Kit for Schools

Schools should have the following documents on hand for response to bed bug incidences.

- Sample Letter: an example of a letter that can be sent to parents in regards to bed bugs available at www.umn.edu.
- Educational Materials for Students to take home with them:
  - Have I Found a Bed Bug?
  - What NOT to Do When You Have Bed Bugs
  - Bed Bug Behavior
  - Hiring a Pest Management Professional
  - Bed Bug Control In Residences
     - Controlling Bed Bugs by Hand
     - Vacuuming to Capture Bed Bugs
     - Laundering Items to Kill Bed Bugs
     - Using Freezing Conditions to Kill Bed Bugs

Schools should keep the following items on hand to assist with bed bug response:

- Plastic tub or large plastic bags; these can be used to isolate items that may have a bed bug infestation
- Sticky tape and small Ziploc style plastic bags; these items can be used to capture specimens to be identified by a professional.
- A notebook or log to keep records; keeping records of when and where bed bugs are sighted or suspected will assist the Pest Management Professional who is treating the building.
- Flashlight; which can be used for conducting inspections of areas or items that are suspected of having a bed bug infestation.

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