

MADONNA is being driven absolutely buggy – by head lice!

The singer confessed that her kids were recently infected with the itchy and common childhood condition. Now, say pals, the Material Girl has become vermin-phobic since the creepy critters invaded her \$40 million New York abode.

“One of her kids picked up the head lice at school, and Madonna’s been totally panicked ever since,” said a friend.

WHILE MUCH OF NEW YORK has been hit by the headline-making infestation of bedbugs, the 52-year-old pop superstar and mother of four told Ellen DeGeneres that she’s been so freaked out by lice that she’s afraid to lay down in her kids’ beds and rest her head on their pillows!

Madonna initially discovered the parasites when her younger adopted children – son David, 5, and 4-year-old daughter Mercy – began “scratching their scalps like crazy.”

Superstar in a panic after KIDS BRING BUGS HOME FROM SCHOOL



Madonna’s kids Mercy and David brought the creepy critters into her New York apartment

MADONNA’S ITCHING TO GET RID OF LICE!

“She checked their heads and discovered nits,” revealed the friend, referring to the eggs that the lice lay. “Madonna just couldn’t believe it.”

Pals recommended home remedies like mayonnaise and vinegar, but the friend claimed that “her kids balked at the idea, saying they didn’t want to smell like a sandwich!”

MADONNA NOW HAS the problem under control, according to the friend, after following her pediatrician’s recommendations to comb out all the nits, use a special shampoo, and thoroughly clean the kids’ infested belongings and bedding.

Dr. Larry Shapiro, a dermatologist and hair transplant physician from Delray Beach, Fla., explained that Madonna will have to remain vigilant if

she wants to keep the bugs at bay.

“You need to repeat the procedure in 7-9 days, because adult lice leave eggs that can hatch in a week, so the shampooing needs to be done again.

“It’s also imperative to wash all the child’s bedding and clothing thoroughly in hot water and to examine for lice to prevent an infestation.”

Madonna went overboard with the cleaning process – having her household staff scrub the house from top to bottom THREE times.

“Madonna’s turned completely paranoid,” the friend added. “She just can’t let go of the idea that the bugs are still on her kids and have spread through her home.”

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