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Potassium Iodide (KI) Information

Hershey Montessori School's Concord Campus is located within the 10-mile emergency planning zone of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. Evacuation remains our primary protective radiological action. In the event that evacuation is not immediately possible and KI is recommended, our building will store and use KI with proper permissions for all Concord Campus students and visiting Huntsburg Campus students if notified by the Lake County Emergency Management Agency and the Health Department.

The Ohio Department of Health developed a policy statement regarding the use of potassium iodide. The policy provides the following:

- KI is to be pre-distributed to residents and schools in the 10-mile emergency planning zone. Hershey Montessori School's Concord Campus is in the 10-mile emergency planning zone.
- Emergency plans include the evacuation of school children at the declaration of site area emergency when conditions at the nuclear power plant warrant this type of action; determination will be made by the Lake County Emergency Management Agency.
- State and local emergency plans are to be modified to incorporate measures and procedures to provide for the use of KI as a supplemental measure to evacuation.

KI is an over-the-counter drug that protects the thyroid from exposure to radioactive iodine and can reduce the risk of thyroid cancer after a severe nuclear emergency event resulting in a release of radiation. It is not an alternative to evacuation and sheltering. In fact, evacuation and sheltering remain Ohio's primary public protective actions in the event of an accident at a nuclear generating station.

(CHECK ONE LINE)

I have received, read and understand the fact sheet on potassium iodide and understand that in an event of a nuclear release, my child may be given KI, subject to my permission.

Please be advised that your son/daughter should not receive KI if s/he is allergic to iodine, has Graves' Disease, enlargement of the thyroid, has multinodular goiter, iodine content, or had a rare disorder of dermatitis herpetiformis or hypocomplementemic vasculitis. Those who may be pregnant, nursing, taking certain heart medications or anti-psychotic drugs should consult with their physician before taking KI. If you should have any concerns regarding the emergency use of KI or questions on your child's health and the use of KI, please discuss this with your child's doctor.

- YES** I do want my son/daughter to be given potassium iodide (KI) in the event of a radiological emergency only when recommended by county and/or state health officials.
- NO** I do not want my son/daughter to be given potassium iodide (KI).

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____