



MONTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent, 800 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale, Connecticut 06370

Phone: 860-848-1228

Fax: 860-848-0589

Website: www.montvilleschools.org

Laurie Pallin
Superintendent of Schools

Paula LaChance
Director of Special Services

Kathy Lamoureux
Business Manager

Jennifer LeMay
Administrative Assistant
To the Superintendent

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are aware, the State of Connecticut worked in conjunction with the nine municipalities that form the 10-mile Millstone Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) before they distributed potassium iodide (KI) tablets to each local residence.

Potassium iodide, also known by its chemical name "KI," is an over-the-counter drug that protects the thyroid from absorbing radioactive iodine, one of the *possible* radioactive isotopes that may be released during an incident at a nuclear power plant. KI offers no protection against the other types of radioactive emissions that can be released from a nuclear power plant.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we will continue to work with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Management and the State's KI Work Group to address in-school KI procedures and stockpiles in the event of a nuclear incident that calls for the administration of KI. Most importantly, with the help of the state, we have developed procedures to implement a precautionary evacuation of all schoolchildren to locations outside of the EPZ much earlier during a nuclear incident. This precautionary evacuation procedure should all but eliminate the need to administer KI to your children while in school care.

In keeping with our existing policies on student medication, under no circumstances should you send KI to school with your children. Your adherence to this policy is *greatly* appreciated.

Four of our schools (Dr. Charles E. Murphy School, Leonard J. Tyl Middle School, Montville High School, and Montville Alternative High School) have their own stockpile of KI under the control of our school medical staff. Staff are trained and prepared to administer KI in the unlikely event it is needed on school grounds, on school transportation, or at off-site locations. We will follow the FDA emergency dosage guidance that calls for one tablet to be administered to all children and adults over the age of one.

KI will only be administered to your children under a Governor's declared State of Emergency and upon the order of the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. **Enclosed please find a KI Medication Authorization Form that must be filled out and returned to your child's school. An authorization form is required for EACH student.**

Your immediate attention to this important form is greatly appreciated and will help us ensure the safety of your child. **Failure to return your authorization form will be taken as positive permission to administer KI to your child under a Governor's Emergency Declaration in the event of a nuclear accident.** You may wish to consult with your family doctor/pediatrician to verify that your children are not allergic to iodine and to address any questions you may have about this non-prescription medication. Fact sheets are available in the school nurse's office.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal or school nurse.

Sincerely,

Laurie Pallin
Superintendent of Schools

Our Vision

At Montville Public Schools all students will be engaged in purposeful and challenging learning experiences that are responsive to individual differences. As a community we share accountability for student success and social and emotional well-being. Through strong relationships with students, parents and the community, we will promote civic responsibility, development of personal identity, and respect for diversity. By providing an environment where it is safe to take risks, students will learn to take pride in who they are and what they accomplish. The Montville Public Schools will deliver on the promise of high achievement for all students and eliminate opportunity gaps to ensure every graduate is a critical, creative, and collaborative problem-solver ready to enter college and career in a global society.

POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI)
STUDENT MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENROLLED STUDENT/CHILD)

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ School: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Day Telephone: _____

Student's Primary Care Physician: _____

Primary Care Physician Telephone: _____

(Please indicate your authorization or refusal by checking the appropriate box(es) below.)

YES, I want my above named child to be administered potassium iodide (KI) by school system personnel in the event of a nuclear emergency and upon the order of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

NO, I do NOT want my above named child to be given potassium iodide (KI) by school system personnel in the event of a nuclear emergency, even if ordered by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health *for the following reasons:*

- (1) Due to medical condition(s) such as those indicated below:
- Allergy to iodine
 - Thyroid problems
[Thyroid problems can include: Grave's Disease, Goiter, Hypothyroidism, or any other condition of the thyroid gland.]
 - Hypocomplementemic Vasculitis
[A severe skin condition which includes bleeding under the skin, fluid-filled blisters, sores, and burning.]

(2) For other than medical reasons, I do not want my child to receive KI.

I understand that this authorization will remain in effect for as long as my child is enrolled in Montville Public Schools. I also understand it is my responsibility to notify School Administrators in writing if I desire to change my authorization as indicated above.

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Please complete and return to your child's school.)