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Annual Notification of Pest Management Program

Dear Parent, Guardian or Staff Member,

New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds. The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources, and hiding places for the pests. We will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some IPM techniques we will employ include monitoring, increased sanitation, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, and modifying storage practices.

The IPM Coordinator for your school is:

Name **Eric Pfirman**

Title **Principal**

Phone number **(910) 790-2236**

Email address **eric.pfirman@nhcs.net**

Office address **4321 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28412**

At times, it may be necessary to use chemicals to control a pest problem. Chemicals will not be routinely applied and will only be used when absolutely necessary. When they must be used, NHCS will use the least toxic products to treat the problem. Access to the treated areas will be secured against unauthorized access for the period specified on the pesticide label. Notices will be posted at application sites and will remain there until the posted safe re-entry time is met. Any pesticides that must be applied in the school will be applied by a licensed pest control company and will be monitored by your school IPM Coordinator.

Notification of Pesticide Use: North Carolina state law gives you the right to be notified annually of scheduled pesticide applications of "Non Exempt" pesticides. Attached for your reference are the scheduled pesticide application dates for Codrington Elementary School. This schedule only relates to the application of pesticides on school grounds (outside of facilities). Applications will only be made when necessary and may not occur on all dates listed. All applications will be done after school is dismissed. State law also gives you the right to be notified 72 hours in advance of non-scheduled applications, but only if you request notification ahead of time using the "Request for Notification" form that accompanies this letter. Please remember that if you request any notice to be made to you via US Postal Service, it is possible the Postal Service may not deliver your notice within 72 hours of our timely mailing of such notice. Notice requests asking for delivery via email require correct and/or current email addresses in order for any emailed notice to be timely delivered.

Exemptions: The same law that mandates notification also exempts certain relatively low-risk pesticide usages from its notification requirements. The relatively low risk "**Exempt From Notice**" pesticides include antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits, crack-and-crevice treatments, and any pesticide products classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as belonging to the US EPA's Toxicity Class IV ("relatively nontoxic").

Emergency Pesticide Use: In the event that a Non-Exempt pesticide must be used for a pest control emergency at your school or site and there is not adequate time to notify you more than 72 hours in advance, and you have requested advance notice, you will receive a notice of emergency pesticide application as soon as possible after the application.

To request advance notification of non-exempt pesticide applications at your school or site for the 2014-2015 school year, please sign, date, and return the enclosed form to your School IPM Coordinator at the above-listed address.



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You will also need to submit a form again every time you wish to update or change your preferred contact information. Such update requests are made to the same addressee as above (School IPM Coordinator).

Sincerely,

Principal

Codington Pesticide Application Dates

- September 18, 2014
- October 23, 2014
- November 20, 2014
- December 18, 2014
- January 22, 2015
- February 19, 2015
- March 19, 2015
- April 23, 2015
- May 21, 2015
- June 18, 2015



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Request for Notification before Non-Exempt Pesticide Applications

Dear IPM Coordinator,

I am writing to request notification in advance of "Non-Exempt" pesticide applications at my child's school, and/or at the school or site where I am employed by New Hanover County Schools.

Pesticide products exempt from notification requirements include: antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-crevice treatments, and any pesticide products classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as belonging to the US EPA toxicity Class IV, also known as "relatively nontoxic."

I understand that if a pest problem requires an emergency application and there is not adequate time to notify me 72 hours in advance, I will receive notification as soon as possible after the emergency application.

I am requesting notification of pesticide use at the following school or site:

Name of Student or Employee: _____

School or other site, homeroom or office number: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Circle the method you prefer to receive notification and provide your information in the space below.

U.S. Mail E-mail Phone

MAILING ADDRESS:

10 DIGIT PHONE NUMBER:

_____ (HOME)
_____ (MOBILE)
_____ (WORK)

EMAIL:

Email Address

Scheduled Applications on School Grounds: If necessary, pesticides and herbicides (such as Round Up) will be applied after school dismissal per the annual schedule. As these are scheduled applications, notification will not be provided unless the application occurs outside of the prescribed time.

I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain communication through the means I have designated above, and that the school is required to try and contact me only once about a nonexempt pesticide application. If I do not receive the notification because I have not updated my mailing address; my voicemail box or answering machine is full or not functioning; or because my email account is not functioning, over quota, or notification from the school is auto-filtered as spam; it is my responsibility to correct the problem. Though they will attempt to alert me to the issue, the school is not liable.

Full Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____