



# St Mary's County Public Schools

## Department of Student Services

### School Health Services

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Tammy Metcalf, Supervisor of School Health Services

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

The Governor of Maryland and the St. Mary's County Commissioners have made the decision to have Potassium Iodide (KI) made available to those residents of the designated Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) (approximately 10-mile radius) of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. The preventive medication, Potassium Iodide (KI) has been acquired. In the event of a nuclear emergency at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, evacuation of schools within the EPZ will be the primary goal. Potassium Iodide has been made available to the schools in the EPZ which include: Green Holly Elementary School, Town Creek Elementary School, Hollywood Elementary School, and Esperanza Middle School.

Potassium Iodide (KI) taken shortly prior to an exposure to radiation blocks the absorption of radioactive iodide by the thyroid gland. It does not provide protection against any other form of radiation. Radioactive iodide may cause cancer of the thyroid 15 - 20 years after exposure. This timeline makes protecting children of primary importance. The St. Mary's County Health Officer, and/or his/her designee, is authorized to order the issuance and subsequent consumption of KI.

Please review the attached Potassium Iodide information sheet. Your signature below will indicate that you authorize the administration of Potassium Iodide (KI) to your son/daughter if ordered by the St. Mary's County Health Officer or designee in case of a radioactive release from the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Individuals who are allergic to Iodide or shellfish should not take Potassium Iodide. This consent will remain in effect unless revoked by the parents/legal guardians. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your health care provider, the school nurse, or the St. Mary's County Health Department at 301-475-4330.

Sincerely,

School Principal

Please complete and return this document to your school nurse.

Yes, I do want my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to receive Potassium Iodide in the event of a nuclear emergency.

Parents'/Legal Guardians' Signature

Date

No, I do not want my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to receive Potassium Iodide in the event of a nuclear emergency.

Parents'/Legal Guardians' Signature

Date