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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR THOSE WHO ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO PESTICIDES

In 2002, Governor Schweiker signed Act 35 and Act 36 into law. These laws require every school in Pennsylvania to create and implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan. Every IPM has the following components:

- A notice to all families of students and employees that they may request to be notified when the District will spray pesticides in schools or on school grounds.
- A process for notifying all those requesting such information at least three days before scheduled pesticide application.
- Signs will be posted at the site of the scheduled application of pesticides three days before the application and two days following.

At the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit (CLIU), the health and safety of our students and staff are our top priorities. In compliance with state regulations, we are writing to inform you about our procedures for administering emergency pesticides on school grounds.
If a child in your family is highly sensitive to pesticides and herbicides and you would like to be notified before an application inside or outside school facilities, please complete the attached form and return it to your teacher as soon as possible.

Under these provisions, the CLIU will notify students, staff, and the community of impending pesticide treatment by posting signs in the area to be sprayed, by posting a notice on the CLIU website that your child attends, and by posting signs on the buildings of the school(s) closest to the site of application. These notifications will be posted three days before the application of pesticides and will remain posted for two days following.

If an emergency application is necessary, we will attempt to contact all who have requested notification by phone or email one day before the application. This would generally be the case when bees, hornets, or wasp nests are identified in areas where children are regularly present.

Parents, students, staff, and residents also have the option of enrolling with the Pennsylvania Pesticide Hypersensitivity Registry. This State database is maintained by the Department of Agriculture. Every quarter, the Department provides the names of any State resident registered with the program to the public school or district closest to their home for purposes of updating the District's database for notification.

Please be aware that the provisions of Act 35 and Act 46 do not require the notification to apply to the application of disinfectant and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits in areas not accessible to students; gel-type baits placed in cracks, crevices, or voids; or swimming pool maintenance chemicals. In addition, the CLIU assures you that all of the pesticides, herbicides, cleaning materials, etc., utilized by CLIU Facilities Department are approved for use in school facilities and on school grounds.

The Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, pregnancy or handicap/disability in activities, programs or employment practices. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Director of Special Programs and Services, Compliance Officer for Educational Programs and Services, or the Director of Human Resources, Compliance Officer for Employment Practices, at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078-2580, 800-223-4821.

At CLIU 21, it is our priority to maintain a safe and caring environment for all our students and staff. We intend to apply pesticides only as a last resort in or around our facilities. We appreciate your cooperation in the establishment and maintenance of this communication tool.

If you have further any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Program Supervisor. Best wishes for a

great school year,

Dr. Cathy Nelson
Director of Special Programs and Services

Request To Be Notified
Please register my child as named below as being hypersensitive to pesticide exposure. Please notify me as required under the provisions of Pennsylvania Acts 35 and 36 when the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit intends to apply pesticides in or around the building where my child/children attend classes.

FULL NAME OF CHILD: _____

GRADE _____ BUILDING/Teacher _____

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Signature of Custodial Parent/ Guardian Date