



Waterford Public Schools
Potassium Iodide Authorization & Distribution Policy

The State of Connecticut, working in conjunction with the nine municipalities that form the 10-mile Millstone Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) distributed potassium iodide (KI) tablets to each residence. Each household received a total of four tablets with additional tablets available at local municipal offices.

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. Because we have procedures in place to evacuate all school children to locations outside of the EPZ much earlier during a nuclear incident, this should all but eliminate the need to administer KI to your children in school care. Our school staff is trained, however, to administer the KI in the unlikely event it is needed on school grounds, on school transportation, or at off-site locations. We will be following 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 child under a Governor's declared State of Emergency and upon the order of the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Please complete the Student Medication Authorization Form and return it to your child's principal within five school days. 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. The authorization for your child to be given the KI will remain in effect for as long as the child is enrolled in the Waterford Public Schools. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify School Administrators in writing of any changes to the authorization form.

You may wish to consult with your family doctor/pediatrician to verify that your child is not allergic to iodine and to answer any other questions you may have about this nonprescription medication. In keeping with our existing policies on student medication, under no circumstances should KI be sent to school with a child. Adherence to this policy is greatly appreciated.

The safety of our students continues to be a priority for our school district. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.