

ANNUAL PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

To: All BOCES Staff, Parents, and Guardians
From: Health, Safety and Facilities
Re: PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION
Date: 05/04/2021

The CAEW BOCES had adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. IPM uses common sense practices to control pests by taking advantage of various pest management options including the judicious use of pesticides. New York State Education Law, section 409-H requires school districts to inform staff and persons in parental relations of pesticide use in district buildings and on district grounds. The pesticide notification process consists of three parts.

1. Initial Annual Notification-At the beginning of each school year all staff and persons in parental relations will be informed that there is potential pesticide use at school facilities (buildings and grounds); and that the school district will maintain a list of individuals wishing to receive notification 48 hours prior to actual pesticide use; and that Dean McKnight; Program Manager for Facilities Services (376-8249) is the school district Integrated Pest Management contact.
2. 48 Hour Prior Notification-Staff and persons in parental relations may ask to be notified 48 hours in advance of pesticide use in facilities where they regularly work or have children regularly attending classes. Schools must keep a list of these individuals and provide them with written notification at least 48 hours before pesticide use giving date, location and the name of the pesticide used. The following applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements.
 - A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following and application.
 - Anti-microbial products.
 - Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
 - Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
 - Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children.
 - Boric acid and di-sodium octaborate tetrahydrate.
 - The application of EPA designated biopesticides.
 - The application of EPA designated exempt materials under Title 40, Code of Federal (CFR) Part 152.25.

- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification registry.

3. Interim (summary) Notifications-Within two days of the end of winter and spring recess, and within 10 days of the end of the school year all staff and persons in parental relation must be notified of pesticide use since the last notification.

This letter is to inform you that during the current school year it may be necessary to use pesticides at the CAEW BOCES campus facilities to meet pest management goals. If you have any questions about the IPM program, pesticide use at CAEW BOCES or to sign up to be on the 48 hour notification list, you can find the forms on the Energy, Safety, and Facilities Webpage or contact Dean McKnight (716) 376-8249 or the Health and Safety Office at (716) 376-8276.