

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF OF A PESTICIDE APPLICATION TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

Montgomery County Public Schools Integrated Pest Management procedures, such as inspections and monitoring, are used to determine when to control pests and to identify conditions contributing to pest problems. The necessity for pest control, if warranted, is evaluated and one or more pest control methods including sanitation, structural repair, non-chemical methods and pesticides is utilized as a last resort, when all other means have been exhausted. Problem areas are identified where alternative pest control technologies can be incorporated in order to eliminate routine pesticide applications. It has been determined that a current pest problem warrants the use of a pesticide to effectively control the pest problem.

School: Kingsview Middle

Location(s) of the Pesticide Application: Picnic Table in Courtyard

Planned Date and Time of Application: September 19, 2022 Noon *

Reason for Pesticide Application: Wasps

If unfavorable weather conditions or other extenuating circumstances arise, the intended pesticide application may have to be delayed or postponed to a later date(s). If the application cannot be made within 14 days of the original planned date a new notice will be issued.

Note: The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Regulations pertaining to Integrated Pest Management and Notification of Pesticide Use in Public Schools require that the following information be provided as part of this notice:

"The Office of Pesticide Programs of the United States Environmental Protection Agency has stated: 'Where possible, persons who potentially are more sensitive, such as pregnant women and infants (less than two years old), should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure'."

Montgomery County Public Schools has adopted a policy for the application of wasp freeze insecticide. **After the application of wasp freeze II insecticide has been made on or surrounding playground equipment the area must be inaccessible for no less than twenty-four hours.**

The following information regarding potential adverse effects was taken from the material safety data sheet (MSDS) of the pesticide to be applied:

Product Name: Wasp Freeze II

Common Name: Prallethrin

EPA Registration Number: 499-550

Health Hazard Data: Potential health effects: **Eyes:** May cause slight but temporary irritation. **Skin:** May cause moderate irritation. **Ingestion & inhalation:** Unlikely.

If you require further information regarding this notice, you can contact Mr. John Conaway, in the Pest Management Office at (240) 740-2526.

** Table was closed, surrounded by caution tape.*