

**Potassium Iodide
Parent/Guardian Informed Consent Form**

Reason for Taking Potassium Iodide

In case of an accident at a nuclear power plant or what is known as a radiological emergency, radioactive iodine will be released into the air. This material may be inhaled or ingested and enter the thyroid gland where it can cause cancer and/or disease. Children and infants are the most vulnerable to their occurrence. When taken by pill, potassium iodide (KI) floods the thyroid with non-radioactive iodide and prevents the thyroid from absorbing the radioactive material. Potassium iodide needs to be given before or shortly after exposure to radiation. Potassium iodide works only to prevent the thyroid from absorbing radioactive material.

By signing this document you are allowing a staff member to administer Potassium Iodide to your child for the duration of their stay at Rising Tide if deemed necessary. If you would like to make any changes in this document please contact the school nurse.

Potential Side Effects of Potassium Iodide

It is possible to experience **any or all** of the following side effects when taking Potassium Iodide:

- ▶ Upset stomach
- ▶ Rash
- ▶ Allergic reaction

Risks of Taking Potassium Iodide

Taking Potassium Iodide is safe for most people. Potassium Iodide **should not** be taken if someone:

- ▶ Is allergic to iodine
- ▶ Has Graves Disease
- ▶ Has any other thyroid illness
- ▶ Takes thyroid medication

Administration of Potassium Iodide

Potassium Iodide **will only be given:**

- ▶ In the case of a radiological emergency
- ▶ If it is recommended by public health officials
- ▶ If a parent /guardian signs a consent form for a child

Informed Consent

I consent to have the school nurse or her designee to administer Potassium Iodide.

Child's Name _____ Child's DOB _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ Date _____

Allergies _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

If you do not want Potassium Iodide to be administered in the event of a nuclear emergency, please write N/A on the Parent/Guardian signature line and initial here _____