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Mason Consolidated Schools Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Notification to Staff

Letter to Staff:

Mason Consolidated Schools facilities utilize an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize pest exclusion and biological controls. However, as with most pest control programs, chemical controls may also be utilized. Mason Consolidated Schools works in conjunction with Frame's Pest & Wildlife Control, Inc. to manage pest control within our IPM program.

Mason Consolidated Schools staff play a key role in our IPM program. In order for the IPM manager to control pests, they first need to know about the pests. The staff's role is to report any sightings or remnants of pests or pest damage witnessed in the Mason Consolidated Schools facilities to custodial/maintenance staff or to the Director of Operations. Another role the staff is responsible for is the food/drink storage and cleanup in the classrooms. In order to prevent pests, food cleanup and storage is of the utmost importance. Food and drink should be stored in a manner to prevent pests from entering the building. Food and drink cleanup should be done immediately to limit pest access.

In the event a pesticide will need to be used in one of our facilities, a posting will be made a minimum of 12 hours in advance of the application. The postings will be located in the lounge of the building the pesticides will be used in. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students/staff, but a posting will be made immediately following such applications.

An outline of the Mason Consolidated IPM program for Mason Consolidated Schools can be viewed on our website. You can also view a copy of our IPM program located in the Director of Operations office. Please provide a written request prior to viewing. If you have any questions concerning the IPM program, please feel free to call the Director of Operations at extension 9303.