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Although there has been no change to the current threat level, the Hawaii State Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) has worked hard to ensure our state is prepared. For example, HI-EMA has coordinated very closely with state and federal agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Department of Defense (DoD), e.g., United States Pacific Command (USPACOM), to ensure our state is thoroughly prepared for the North Korean situation.

As a state agency, our Department of Education (DOE) has also met with HI-EMA to discuss our proper actions when sirens sound "Attack Warning" is signaled. The proper emergency action is to Shelter-in-Place. When sheltering in place, the following actions should be done:

1. Identify safe areas in each school building.
2. Issue sheltering alert.
3. Direct students, staff and visitors to pre-determined safe areas or rooms.
4. Account for all students after arriving in safe area.
5. Do not allow outside air to mix with inside air where mechanical ventilation systems are used. Shut down air conditioning units.
6. Close all exterior doors and windows.
7. Use plastic sheeting, wet cloths, and duct tape, etc, to seal windows, cracks, etc., to minimize indoor air contamination.
8. Ensure all persons remain in safe areas until "all clear" is given by Administrator or emergency responders.

At Pearl Ridge Elementary, our Shelter-in-Place locations are within the classroom buildings.

For parents, it is equally important that you immediately seek cover whether at home, work, shopping, etc. It is also important that you stay off the streets and remain sheltered until HI-EMA has declared "all clear." Doing this will minimize potential radiation exposure as well as ensure our roads and highways are clear to allow first responders and various Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and US Army Civil Support Teams (CST) to perform life-saving and post-attack reconnaissance actions.

Please refer to the attachment and HI-EMA link for more information:  
<http://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/slider/guidance-summary-for-coordinated-public-messaging-nuclear-detonation/>

We sincerely hope that this information is helpful. We will certainly let everyone know if there any changes to the current conditions.