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## **Montgomery County Health Department to replace Potassium Iodide (KI) Tablets for 2015 expiration dates**

**Norristown, PA (February 13, 2017)** Potassium Iodide (KI) Tablets given out previously by the Montgomery County Health Department are due to expire in February 2017 and June 2017. The pills had an expiration date of February or June 2015, but at that time, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a notification that extended the shelf life for two years. Therefore, residents who possess KI pills with 2015 expiration dates need to obtain replacement tablets.

As part of Montgomery County's continuing emergency preparedness effort, we make available free potassium iodide tablets (KI) to Montgomery County residents who live, work and/or attend schools within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant.

KI tablets can also be picked up daily, Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, at the Pottstown Health Center, 364 King Street, Pottstown, PA. Residents can also call Pottstown Health Center's phone number (610-970-5040) anytime of the year to inquire about the KI Tablets.

When taken as directed, potassium iodide can help protect the thyroid gland against harmful radioactive iodine during radiological emergencies. Individuals should only take KI when told to do so by state health officials or the Governor.

Adults and children, each receive a two day supply of KI. Directions detailing when and how to take the tablets, as well as instructions for proper storage, will be provided with the KI tablets. Individuals can pick up KI tablets for other families or those who are unable to pick them up on their own. To help

expedite the process, Montgomery County residents can complete the [KI Public Form](#) online and bring it and bring it with them.

Unlike families, businesses are given a one day supply of KI. Businesses with over 100 employees should call the Pottstown Health Center (610-970-5040) to provide information on the number of employees and to schedule a pick-up time for their KI tablets. To expedite the process, businesses can complete the [KI Business form](#) and submit it by email to the Montgomery County Health Department.

Anyone can take the tablets as long as they are not allergic to iodine. They are safe for pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding, people on thyroid medicine, and children and infants. Individuals who are unsure if they should take KI should contact their healthcare provider. KI tablets are not provided for pets. Contact your veterinarian for information.

Click [here](#) for more information regarding Potassium Iodide distribution.