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Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution Day – Thursday, November 20, 2014

Pottstown, PA (November 17, 2014) – The Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) will be participating in the Pennsylvania Department of Health Annual Free Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution Day on Thursday, November 20, 2014. The Montgomery County Health Department will provide free potassium iodide tablets to Montgomery County residents who currently have tablets with a December 2014 expiration date and who live, work, or attend school within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick Generating Station. The Montgomery County Health Department will properly dispose of expired KI that residents bring with them to the distribution sites.

The Montgomery County Health Department has arranged three KI distribution sites within the 10-mile radius of the Limerick Generating Station on November 20th:

Pottstown Community Health and Dental Care

700 Heritage Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464

November 20th 9AM – 6PM

Spring Valley Y.M.C.A

19 W. Linfield Road, Royersford, PA 19468

November 20th 9AM – 7PM

Pottstown Health Center

364 King Street, Pottstown PA 19464

November 20th 9AM – 7PM

Pills can also be picked up daily, Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Pottstown Health Center, 364 King Street, Pottstown, PA 19464.

An additional location for KI tablet distribution for Limerick Generating Station will also be held at:

Keystone Fire Company
240 N Walnut Street, Boyertown, PA 19512
November 20th 2 PM – 7 PM

As part of Montgomery County's continuing emergency preparedness efforts, the Montgomery County Health Department continues to make available free potassium iodide tablets to Montgomery County residents who live, work, and/or attend school within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick Generating Station. Residents can also call Pottstown Health Center at 610-970-5040 anytime of the year to inquire about the KI tablets.

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

Adults and children will 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. Individuals can pick up KI tablets for other families or those who are unable to pick them up on their own.

Montgomery County residents can complete the KI Public Form online, print the form, and bring it with them to one of the three locations to help expedite the process:

<http://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/8148>

Unlike families, businesses are given a one day supply of KI. Businesses should call the Pottstown Health Center (610-970-5040), to provide information on the number of employees, and to schedule a pickup time for their KI tablets. To expedite the process businesses can complete the KI Business form, and email the form to the Montgomery County Health Department: <http://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/8147>.

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 more information.

For more information regarding Potassium Iodide distribution visit:

www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?nid=581