

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HARRISBURG

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HEALTH PLANNING & ASSESSMENT

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Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets distributed in recent years by the Department of Health with either February or June 2015 expiration dates have been given two-year shelf life extension using guidelines issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The department's Bureau of Laboratories tested the two lots of ThyroSafe<sup>®</sup> Potassium Iodide according to FDA guidance and determined the tablets will remain effective beyond their original expiration dates.

Anyone who received these KI tablets through previous Department of Health distributions does not need to replace them and should not throw them out. KI tablets are still okay to use if they were stored in a dry place, between 59 and 86° Fahrenheit, and the foil packaging is still intact. The tablets can be used until January 2017.

KI tablets are available year round at county and municipal health departments or state health centers for individuals, schools and businesses located within a ten-mile radius of one of Pennsylvania's five nuclear power plants. To find the location of KI tablets in your community, visit [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov) or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MR' followed by a stylized flourish.

Martin Raniowski, MA