



# THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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## **Chester County Health Department announces Potassium Iodide distribution for county residents within a 10 mile radius of the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station**

West Chester, PA - The Chester County Health Department (CCHD), in support of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Potassium Iodide initiative will be offering free Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets to residents living within a ten mile radius of the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station.

KI can add an extra layer of protection in the unlikely event of an accidental release of radioactive iodine. CCHD staff will be distributing the tablets at the Kimberton Fairgrounds, Route 113 South of Seven Stars Road Kimberton, PA. The tablets are provided at no cost to residents.

Distribution of the KI tablets will start Tuesday morning, September 1 through Thursday evening, September 3. The distribution site will be open from 11:30 am - 7:30 pm each day. Tablets will not be distributed prior to 11:30, so we ask that residents not arrive before that time.

Four tablets will be issued per household member. Individuals picking up KI tablets should have their driver's license available. Individuals will be allowed to pick up tablets for their family members and those who are unable to pick them up on their own. Written, detailed instructions will be provided along with the tablets.

Additional distribution centers within the 10 mile radius include:

Keystone Fire Company  
Southeast Berks County  
240 N. Walnut Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512  
610-367-2200  
610-367-8565 (call for reservations)

Montgomery County Health Department  
Hope Community Church  
2732 North Charlotte Street  
Gilbertsville, PA  
610-970-5040  
9:30am – 7:30 pm

Local businesses within the 10 mile radius (that already received KI from CCHD from 2002 until present), will be contacted to update the number of employee's at their site. Once the KI pill order is filled, arrangements will be made for businesses to pick up their pills at the Government Services Center.

All other businesses within the 10 mile radius can contact CCHD at 610-344-6252 to make arrangements to pick up KI pills for their employees.

If for any reason people are unable to pick up KI during the three-day distribution, or if they decide at a later time that they'd like to get KI, tablets can be picked up after September 8<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm at:

Chester County Health Department  
Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Road, Suite 180  
West Chester, PA 19380

Distribution of tablets for residents and businesses will be dependent on availability.

For more information, call 610-344-6252.

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