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PUBLIC NOTICE
POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) PILLS
AVAILABLE

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Bureau of Environmental Health and its Radiation Control Program recently replenished existing supplies of potassium iodide (KI) tablets to communities in Cape Ann, Cape Cod and the Islands. KI is an iodide salt that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use as a “thyroid blocking agent” to protect the thyroid should an emergency at a nuclear power plant occur that involves a release of radioactive iodine.

KI that was provided to communities in 2007 have expired (August 2013). KI that has passed its shelf life can be disposed of by throwing it in the regular trash. KI does not need prior treatment before throwing it away.

KI is available free of charge to residents of the Town of Truro. Each household member is allowed two tablets of KI. To pick up the potassium iodide, Truro residents will be required to provide proof of residency, such as a tax bill, current lease agreement, or a valid driver’s license with a Town of Truro address. Consumer information regarding KI shall be provided at the time the pills are dispensed. A release form must be signed by the recipient when the pills are obtained for each household member.

Residents may obtain KI pills for household members at the Truro Health Department, Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm.

It is important that everyone pick up the KI pills when available. Distribution of the KI pills will not occur during a radiological emergency.

Questions about KI may be directed to the Truro Health Department at 508-349-7004 x32or at healthagent@truro-ma.gov .