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Subject: Resources for Response to Japanese Radiation Events

Based on current assessments, no health risks related to radiation release in Japan currently exist in Illinois and none are expected. Nevertheless, citizens may have questions, and clinicians may evaluate travelers to and from Japan. In order to assist you, the following information and resources are available:

1. Illinois citizens and clinicians with questions about radiation exposure can contact the Illinois Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. In addition, additional information for the public will be posted on 3/18 on the [IDPH website](#).
2. [Illinois residents have been advised to not take or stockpile Potassium Iodide \(KI\)](#).
3. [Centers for Disease Control Radiation Information](#)-under "2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami," see Current Situation Updates from the federal government as well as Radiation and Health, Radiation and Treatment and Information for Specific Groups.
4. [Centers for Disease Control Travel Information](#), including seeking care abroad.
5. [Customs and Border Protection](#) - Statement concerning radiation monitoring of travelers, goods from Japan.
6. [Environmental Protection Agency](#) - Latest on event from the EPA.
7. [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) - Latest Questions and Answers on Food Safety.
8. HHS Radiation Emergency Management website- [Evaluation for Radiation Contamination and/or Exposure Algorithm](#).

Additional information will be provided based on new developments.

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