

NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

**POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) REFUSAL/OPT-OUT FORM**

Potassium iodide (KI) is a chemical that can protect the thyroid from radioactive iodine. If there is a nuclear event that releases radioactive iodine into the atmosphere, KI can be used to flood the thyroid with stable iodine to prevent or reduce the amount of radioactive iodine the thyroid can take in. If there is a nuclear (radiological) emergency, evacuation and sheltering are the first options. Administration of KI would only occur when recommended by the county and/or the New York State Department of Health (DOH) in a radiological emergency.

The New York State Office of Emergency Management (NYSOEM), working with county officials, has made KI available to child care providers in the areas surrounding the Indian Point, Nine Mile Point, James A. Fitzpatrick, and Ginna Nuclear Power Plants.

***If you DO NOT want your child to be given potassium iodide (KI) if there is a radiological emergency, complete and sign this form and return it to your child care provider.***

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the county and/or DOH may recommend that my child be given potassium iodide (KI) if there is a radiological emergency.

I have read and understand the [potassium iodide \(KI\) information sheet \(https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/radiological/potassium\\_iodide/information\\_for\\_the\\_public.htm\)](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/radiological/potassium_iodide/information_for_the_public.htm); and I **DO NOT** want my child to be given potassium iodide (KI) if there is a radiological emergency.

Parent's/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Only complete this form if you DO NOT want potassium iodide (KI) to be given to your child if there is a radiological emergency.***