



Best Practices for Radon Testing at Child Care Homes & Centers

State law now requires all licensed day care centers and homes to be tested for radon.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

Currently, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) estimates that “nearly 1,200 Illinois citizens die from radon-related lung cancer each year.” Through this photo journal, Kane County Healthy Places Coalition offers the following best practices for child care centers and homes to promote radon awareness and testing among their families.



1. Complete a radon test. At the time of child care license renewal, arrange for your center/home to complete a radon test and display the results for parents to view in accordance with Illinois Statute effective January 1, 2013.

2. Give radon letter to parents. The parent letter explains the dangers of radon and how parents can protect both themselves and their child. The parent letter can be found [here](#) in both English and Spanish.

Parents, we have tested our child care center to safeguard your child from radon! Learn how to easily TEST YOUR HOME!

RADON Radon is a colorless & odorless gas that causes lung cancer. *Why test?* In recent years, nearly half of all Kane County homes have tested at or above recommended radon levels. High levels build up in homes and buildings. **It is safe to test your home whether you own or rent.**

How to test your home: Radon test kits can be found at area hardware stores, or the Health Department for \$15. Free test kits are available for those who are income eligible through Community Contacts, Inc., Phone (847) 697-8800 OR residents in Aurora areas can contact: The Neighbor Project, Phone (630) 906-9400 (located in downtown Aurora at: 32 S. Broadway). **The only way to know if radon levels are safe is to test.**

Be sure to send your test kit for quick results. Radon is in the ground naturally. But sometimes it gets into homes through cracks in the floors or walls.

Take action now to protect your family! Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, causing 1,200 deaths in Illinois each year.

centro para su familia RADON ¿Está en riesgo su familia? **¿Sin olor que causa el radón?** En los últimos años del Condado de Kane, casi la mitad de las viviendas se han probado y se han encontrado niveles de radón recomendados y edificios. **Es seguro si usted se asegura de probar su hogar.**

La prueba de radón se encuentra en el Departamento de Salud de Kane County. **¿Cómo probar su hogar?** Los kits de prueba de radón se encuentran en tiendas de artículos para el hogar o en el Departamento de Salud por \$15. Los kits de prueba de radón gratuitos están disponibles para quienes califican por ingresos a través de la Comunidad en las áreas de Aurora. Teléfono de Aurora a las 32 S. **Si los niveles de radón son altos, tome acción ahora para proteger a su familia!** El radón se encuentra en la tierra naturalmente. Pero a veces entra en las casas a través de grietas en los pisos o paredes. **¡Hola! ¡Pulmones en riesgo!**

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3. Involve the kids. A coloring sheet is a great way to involve kids and facilitate additional parent knowledge of radon. The Kane County Healthy Places Coalition has provided these coloring sheets in both English and Spanish. Click [here](#) to print them.



4. Give information on radon test kits. The flyers have additional information on radon and radon testing. Click [here](#) for the flyers in both English and Spanish. If income eligible, parents may be able to receive free radon test kits through Community Contacts or Joseph Corporation.



5. Follow-up survey. Consider doing a follow-up survey with parents to see if they have tested their homes for radon. Conduct the survey six to twelve months after the radon awareness promotion program. Click [here](#) for the survey questions in both English and Spanish.

6. Radon awareness promotion for parents. This could be done by requesting a presentation through Kane County Health Department's Radon Speakers Bureau. Speakers can be requested [here](#). To increase parent participation, consider offering a raffle prize.



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Click [here](#) to view their presentation.

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