



# Radon. Test your Home. Protect your Family.

Currently, the Cedar Rapids Community School District tests our preschools for radon every year two years. However, Linn County Public Health recommends that all schools test for radon. Cedar Rapids Community School District is proactively testing schools for radon starting this year. With support from Linn County Public Health, Cedar Rapids Community School District plans to test all schools over the next 4 years. If we find that radon levels are at or above the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, we will follow the EPA’s guidelines to reduce those radon levels. However, it is essential to remember that the main source of exposure to radon occurs within the home.

As such, we would like to encourage everyone to test their homes for radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that with long-term exposure can cause lung cancer. Radon may enter your home through sump pumps, cracks, and around pipes. The only way to know for sure if you have elevated levels of radon is by testing. Currently, seven out of ten homes in Iowa experience elevated levels of radon, which is why it is so important to regularly test your home for exposure.

We are doing our part to protect the health of your children, please work with us to protect your child from exposures occurring within the home. Take the first step toward protecting your children by simply testing your home for radon this month. Test kits are available in hardware stores and at Linn County Public Health (see coupon below). To learn more about radon testing in schools, go to [http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/pdfs/kit/managing\\_radon.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/pdfs/kit/managing_radon.pdf).



## SHORT-TERM RADON TEST KITS AVAILABLE!



**Cost: \$5**

**Location: Linn County Public Health**

501 13<sup>th</sup> St. NW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

(across from Roosevelt Middle School)

**Stop by to pick up yours or call (319)-892-6094 with questions!**