

RADON TESTING IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES

REQUIREMENT: The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is requiring Family Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Centers to test for radon gas per proposed rule revisions to DCF 250 and 251.

IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS:

- The new rule is effective March 1, 2023 and will be enforced by the Department of Children and Families.
- Child care facilities will be required to test radon gas levels within 6 months of the rule going into effect or 6 months prior to providing care for children.
 - If radon gas levels exceed 4 picocuries per liter of air in the lowest level of the facility that is used by children, a radon mitigation system **MUST** be installed. Mitigation action must be completed within 6 months of March 1, 2023.
 - If a mitigation system is required, funding for mitigation activities is available under the Payment Program A of the Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program. The Program will provide monthly payments to eligible regulated child care providers through January 2024 to support costs to remain in regulatory compliance, enhance health and safety practices, and promote continuous quality improvement.
- After the initial tests, centers in residential buildings will be required to test for radon gas every 2 years and centers in commercial buildings will be required to test for radon gas every 5 years.

TESTING BEST PRACTICES SHOULD BE USED WHEN TESTING FOR RADON GAS IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RADON, TESTING, MEASUREMENT, AND MITIGATION, VISIT THE [WI DHS WEBSITE ON RADON](#).

TEST KIT AVAILABILITY

Short-Term Test Kits:

- ◆ Test is completed over the duration of 2-3 days
- ◆ Test in the lowest level of the center that is used by children in care for at least 7 hours per week



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- ◆ \$5 per kit (picked up at CCHD) or \$6 per kit (mailed)

WestCentral Radon Information

Center ◆ [Website](#)

Local Hardware Stores

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING RADON GAS TESTING IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE WESTCENTRAL RADON INFORMATION CENTER.



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