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Kenosha County Division of Health offering half-price test kits during Radon Action Month

January is Radon Action Month, and the Kenosha County Division of Health encourages people to test their homes for elevated levels of this cancer-causing, odorless, radioactive gas.

Throughout the month, radon test kits will be available for half price, just \$5. This fee includes the test kit, postage to send it to the testing lab in Massachusetts, and the requisite lab analysis.

This offer also is also available through Walworth County Public Health, which is a partner in the Kenosha/Walworth Radon Information Center, which is funded through a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Brad Wozniak, public health sanitarian in the Kenosha County Division of Health, noted that radon is the nation's second leading cause of lung cancer.

"There are 20,000 deaths attributed to radon exposure every year, and we want to make sure that people test their homes," Wozniak said. "They can test at their own convenience. It's an easy process."

The testing process involves leaving a small vile open to the air in the lowest livable level of a home (usually the basement) for 48 to 50 hours. The vile is then capped and mailed to Accustar Labs, which typically provides results within three days. Results may be sent by mail, email or telephone.

Those whose homes test at an elevated level of radon are urged to contact Wozniak for more information about mitigation options.

To obtain a test kit, residents may visit the Kenosha County Division of Health in Suite 600 of the Kenosha County Job Center, 8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, or contact Wozniak at 262-605-6746 or Brad.Wozniak@kenoshacounty.org. The half-price rate is available to

anyone who presents or mentions the coupon available at the Division of Health or on the Kenosha County website at <http://bit.ly/KCRadonCoupon2019>.

Those in western Kenosha County, in particular, may also pick up kits at the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services, W4051 County Road NN, Elkhorn.

More information about the Radon Information Center is available online at <http://www.kenoshacounty.org/338/Radon>. To stay up to date with this and other public health programs locally, follow the Kenosha County Division of Health on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KenoshaCountyHealth.

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