

Dear Parent,

As you know, daycares and childcare facilities in Nova Scotia are the trusted caregivers for our children. They look out for the safety and education of our children before they enter the public school system.

As part of their desire to keep your children safe, your daycare/childcare facility is participating in our 'daycare radon testing project.'

Radon gas is the second-leading cause of lung cancer. It is a naturally-occurring, radioactive gas produced by the decay of uranium in the ground. Radon is invisible - you can't see it, smell or taste it, and it can get into buildings undetected. The only way to know if a home/building has high levels of radon gas, is to test for it. There are no "radon-free" areas in Nova Scotia.

The Lung Association of Nova Scotia is engaged in a new project to educate daycares and childcare facilities about the need to test for radon gas. While all provincial schools have been tested, many daycares remain at risk. Given that thousands of children attend full-time daycare across the province, we believe there is a need to educate Nova Scotians about the potential issue of radon gas in these facilities. By doing so, we will be ensuring these children are not being exposed to a dangerous gas that can have detrimental effects on their long-term lung health.

Your child's daycare or childcare facility has decided to participate in this project, in order to ensure radon gas is not an issue for the children or staff who are in their building each day. They have received a long-term radon detector, which will test radon levels over the next three months.

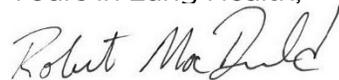
At the end of the testing period, the testing device will be sent to a lab for analysis and to determine results.

Should your child's daycare or childcare facility find out their building is above Health Canada's recommended guidelines, the Lung Association of Nova Scotia will provide guidance and direction in regards to radon mitigation.

Please find some additional details on this project as well as some information on radon enclosed.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to the Project Manager: Michelle Donaldson, michelledonaldson@ns.lung.ca, 902-443-8141 x23

Yours in Lung Health,



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