



RE: MANDATORY RADON TESTING FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES

According to the "Palm Beach County Rules and Regulations Governing Child Care Facilities", Article X (A)(17), proof of compliance with mandatory radon testing and reporting requirements must be provided to the licensing agency (Palm Beach County Health Department) for renewal and new applications.

All child care facilities in Palm Beach County must comply with the same mandatory radon testing and reporting requirements as state-licensed child care facilities pursuant to section 404.056(4), Florida Statutes (F.S.) and section 64E-5.1208(c), Florida Administrative Code.

Child care facilities that have previously tested and have submitted proof of compliance to the department do not need to test.

Facilities can perform their own testing with their own personnel using radon test kits approved by either The National Environmental Health Association or The National Radon Safety Board, or hire a certified measurement business offering radon measurement services in Florida.

Facilities testing for radon must report their radon measurements on form **DH 1777** (Non-Residential Buildings) and submit to the following:

1. Palm Beach County Health Department, Division of Environmental Public Health, Radon Program, 800 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, Attention Mr. Jaime Morales, 4th Floor, Room No. 4-400I.
2. Department of Health Bureau of Community Environmental Health, Radon and Indoor Air Quality Program, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin#A08 in Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

A copy should be kept on file at the facility with the original radon laboratory report.

- **INITIAL TEST:** Initial testing must be conducted in a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the habitable ground contact and/or first floor rooms which are used or accessed by the clientele within all of the regulated buildings.
- **5th YEAR FOLLOW-UP TEST:** Follow-up testing must be completed in a minimum of five percent (5%) of the habitable ground contact and/or first floor rooms after the building has been occupied for 5 years.
- After radon measurements have been made twice (Initial & 5th Year Follow-Up), no further testing is required unless the building undergoes significant structural changes, air-handler changes, and change in ownership or licensure.

For more information, forms, and to obtain the radon measurement procedures for use in fulfillment of the requirements of section 404.056(4), F.S., [Mandatory Radon Measurements Protocols](#), (**Brochure DH 150-334**) refer to the Florida Department of Health website at: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/radon> or call Palm Beach County Health Department at (561) 837-5900.