Radon is a cancer-causing gas that is invisible, odorless, tasteless, and can only be detected through testing. Radon comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water, and gets into the air you breathe. Radon enters buildings such as homes, schools, and child care facilities through cracks in the foundation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends taking action for radon levels at 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) and greater.

Colorado is ranked 6th in the nation for radon levels above 4 pCi/L.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

*Radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year, according to EPA's 2003 Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes (EPA 402-R-03-003). The number of deaths from other causes are taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 1999-2001 National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Report and 2002 National Safety Council Reports.
Protect yourself and the children in your facility by following these steps to test for radon:

Was your facility licensed before January 14, 2016?

- **YES**
  - Test your facility for radon before May 1, 2017

- **NO**
  - Test your facility for radon within 6 months of occupancy

Do you want to perform radon testing on your own?

- **YES**
  - Discounted test kits* are available at: https://securechek.com/CCC
  - Refer to CDPHE and specific test kit guidance

- **NO**
  - Locate a certified contractor by visiting www.coloradoradon.info
  - Schedule a time to test during normal operating hours between October and April
  - Keep test results on file at your facility
  - Review test results and follow CDPHE guidance and any suggested next steps

* Aitchek has agreed to supply low cost test kits to Colorado child care providers. CDPHE does not endorse Aitchek. For a complete list of test kit suppliers please visit www.nrpp.info.

For More Information & Additional Guidance:
(303)692-3645
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/child-care