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## Delaware County Health Department Offering Free Radon Test Kits Through Public Health Kiosks

**MEDIA, PA** — In celebration of National Public Health Week, the Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) is making free radon test kits available to residents through its Test and Go public health kiosks, expanding access to simple tools that help families protect themselves from preventable health risks.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found throughout Pennsylvania and commonly present in homes across Delaware County. Because it is colorless, odorless, and invisible, radon can enter homes without detection through cracks in foundations, gaps in floors or walls, and through soil or groundwater.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall.

“Many families are unaware that radon may be present in their homes, even though exposure is entirely preventable,” said Delaware County Health Department Director Lora Werner, MPH. “By making radon test kits available through our public health kiosks, we are making it easier for residents to access tools that help protect their health and the health of their families.”

Testing is the only way to know whether radon is present at elevated levels inside a home. DCHD recommends residents test their homes regularly, particularly before and after home renovations or repairs, especially when converting basements into living or sleeping spaces. If elevated radon levels are detected, exposure can be reduced through preventive measures such as installing a radon reduction system or sealing cracks in floors and walls.

### DCHD’s Test and Go Public Health Kiosk Locations:

- **SEPTA 69th Street Transportation Terminal** | 6901 Market Street, Upper Darby, PA (terminal hours)
- **Delaware County Community College, Marple Campus** – 901 Media Line Rd, Media, PA 19063 (Student Resource Center hours)
- **Keystone First Wellness and Opportunity Center** – 1929 W 9th Street, Chester, PA 19013 (available 24/7)
- **Delaware County Wellness Center at Yeadon** – 125 Chester Ave., Yeadon, PA 19050 (available 24/7)

- **Delaware County Government Center** – 201 W. Front St., Media, PA 19063 (available 24/7)

Each radon kit will include a testing canister, instructions packet, and a prepaid mailing label for laboratory analysis. Residents should carefully follow the instructions included with the kit, as the testing process is time sensitive.

Test and Go public health kiosks provide Delaware County residents with convenient access to a variety of free public health resources. In addition to radon test kits, the kiosks offer a range of items designed to support community health, including:

- Narcan (naloxone) overdose reversal kits
- Fentanyl and xylazine test strips
- COVID-19 test kits
- Gun locks
- Condoms and other sexual health supplies, including STI/HIV test kits
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- First aid kits and emergency mylar blankets

By expanding the resources available through the public health kiosks, DCHD continues to increase access to preventive tools that help residents stay safe and healthy.

Residents interested in learning more about radon safety are welcome to call the Pennsylvania Radon Hotline at 800-237-2366 or the Delaware County Health Department Wellness Line at **484-276-2100**.

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