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**Jan. 8, 2019, Pontiac, Mich.** – Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and the Oakland County Health Division encourage residents to purchase radon test kits for only \$5 this month to test their homes for the potentially harmful gas. Because January is National Radon Action Month, the Health Division recommends testing homes for radon during the cooler months as windows and doors remain closed.

“Exposure to radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall,” said Leigh-Anne Stafford, Oakland County health officer. “Since you cannot see or smell radon, testing your home is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon exposure.”

Radon test kits for homes are available for purchase at Health Division offices in Pontiac and Southfield:

- North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph, Building 34E, Pontiac
- South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. To purchase more than 15

radon kits, please call 248-858-1312 to preorder. Please note that Health Division offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 21. After January, the cost of a radon test kit will return to \$10.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible, odorless gas that is usually harmless outdoors. When the gas is trapped in a building or home, however, it can be a health hazard. The Environmental Protection Agency says there is moderate potential for elevated radon levels in Oakland County homes.

If high levels of radon are found, contact the Health Division's Environmental Health Services at 248-858-1312 in Pontiac or 248-424-7191 in Southfield. Visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health) or [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon) for more information.

For up-to-date public health information, visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health), follow @publichealthOC on Facebook and Twitter, or call Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533.

For media inquiries only, contact Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County Health Division, at 248-858-1410.

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