



MEDIA RELEASE

NOVEMBER IS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Radon causes an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year among non-smokers, and approximately 962 of these annual are in Wisconsin. One in 10 Wisconsin homes has elevated levels of radon. Any home or building can have a radon problem; the only way to know your radon levels is by testing.

Normally, a short-term radon test kit can be purchased at La Crosse County Health Department or any county library branch for \$10.00. During the month of November, the La Crosse County Health Department will be offering free short-term radon tests. Free mailings of the test kits to the laboratory for processing will be offered every Monday in November and December 2nd and 9th. **All kits must be dropped off on these dates no later than 2:00 PM to the La Crosse County Health Department** (300 4th St N, 2nd Floor, La Crosse, WI 54601) to make sure tests are mailed to the lab on time.

Consider donating a non-perishable food item when picking up a test. All donations will go to the Hunger Task Force of La Crosse.

La Crosse County Health Department is a Radon Information Center supported by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and US EPA. For more information about radon, contact Mekaela Malloy at 608-790-5638 or visit the Wisconsin Radon information website at www.lowradon.org.