



Radon Test Results: Questions and Answers

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Portland Public Schools will update and maintain a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding radon testing. Questions can be submitted at publinfo@pps.net .
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A: PPS last monitored for radon district-wide in 2001. Results from those tests are available here
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A: PPS tested 801 rooms across the district, focusing on 26 buildings that showed historically higher radon

nine rooms in six schools with "higher action levels". The district is awaiting results of this second round of monitoring and will promptly share them. Further action will be based on those results.

Q: How do you determine which buildings need mitigation?

A: Mitigation will be based on the results of the second round of monitoring, which took place the week of June 6. Results are forthcoming.

Q: PPS has tested 26 schools for radon. Will all schools be monitored?

A: All district buildings will be monitored in compliance with new state legislation mandating radon testing in every public school by January 2021. Broad based testing will continue in fall 2016 when the heating season begins, which follows EPA guidelines.