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DOH-St Johns Recognizes National Radon Action Month



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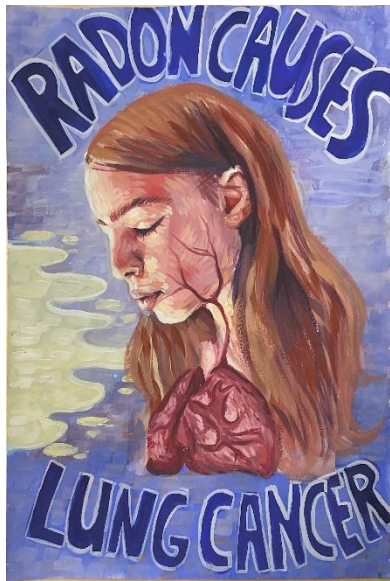
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St Augustine, Fla. — January is National Radon Action Month, and the Florida Department of Health in St Johns County (DOH-St Johns) encourages residents to take action to protect their homes and families from the dangers of radon exposure. The best way for residents to protect themselves is to test their homes for radon.

There are ways to reduce high levels of radon in a person's home. The first step is to test the indoor air. The test is simple. To request a free radon test kit, visit Radon.FloridaHealth.gov. For more information on radon, contact the Department's Radon Program at 850-245-4288.

DOH-St Johns is honored to announce that a student from St. Johns County has placed third nationally in the 2025 Radon Poster Contest. The contest is held each year across the nation to raise awareness of radon gas, the second-leading cause of lung cancer.

The third place winner, Olivia Rieder, is an eighth grade student at R.J. Murray Middle School in St. Augustine, FL. Her poster, "Radon Causes Lung Cancer" is a colorful and imaginative way to highlight the importance of testing homes for radon.



In Florida, one in five homes tested has elevated radon levels. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas and the largest source of everyday radiation exposure. Radon is considered a silent killer as it is colorless and odorless, making it impossible to detect when breathing it in.

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