



# INDOOR AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

The Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health (BCEH) works to protect the public from environmental exposures known or suspected to cause illness and disease. BCEH also leads the Department's environmental and climate justice work focused on communities disproportionately impacted by these exposures. The Indoor Air Quality Program is one of seven programs within BCEH.

## WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to investigate environmental concerns in public buildings, including schools, through Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) assessments. We provide technical assistance to the public regarding radon gas, which is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. The IAQ Program performs two distinct activities: IAQ assessments in public buildings and technical assistance and outreach for radon.

We provide school districts, state agencies, and municipalities with assessments to address concerns about indoor air quality and other environmental issues. We also provide technical assistance with radon to the public through our radon information line (800-723-6695). We offer free radon test kits to Massachusetts homeowners and renters who want to test their homes outside of tests conducted during real estate transactions.

## WHAT AN IAQ ASSESSMENT IN A PUBLIC BUILDING INCLUDES\*

- Evaluation of mechanical ventilation systems
- Visual inspection for water-damaged materials/microbial growth
- Exterior building envelope evaluation
- Identification of point sources of irritation (e.g., asthma triggers and allergens)
- A full report detailing issues identified and recommendations to improve indoor air quality.



\*The IAQ Program does not conduct inspections in housing or residential units. Our focus is on public buildings.

## Indoor Air Quality Links and Resources

- [Indoor Air Quality Reports | Mass.gov](#)
- [Indoor Air Quality - Facts and Resources | Mass.gov](#)
- [Sources of Indoor Air Pollution](#)
- [Mold, Moisture, and Mildew](#)
- [Apartments, Homes, and Condos](#)

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