## Important Testing Considerations

Schools need to be educated further on the importance of proper testing before considering mitigation. Prior to initial testing, the recommendation is for schools to make adjustments to the HVAC system and then test the entire school. If schools test before adjusting the HVAC system and the results are elevated, then it would be recommended that they adjust the HVAC and retest the whole school. If elevated levels of radon are found after testing when the HVAC system has been adjusted, then mitigation may be considered.

A large number of schools tested outside of the recommended periods of weekdays during October through March, with no written documentation for these changes. It is important to reiterate to both schools and businesses that complete written documentation of any deviations from the testing recommendations must be kept on file.

There was insufficient duplicate and blank testing for some schools. Confirmation with the measurement business regarding the correct numbers of duplicates and blanks is essential, as the certified radon measurement businesses have sole responsibility for providing the correct number of duplicates and blanks for all testing at every school.

Many school records in the database had incorrect school code numbers, school names, school addresses and room numbers/names. Measurement businesses need to be reminded that it must be a priority for them to obtain and submit the correct information in all monthly reports. Cooperation between the schools, measurement businesses, and individuals, either certified or exempted, is extremely important so that the correct data is obtained and can be accessed at any future time.