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NOTICE OF LEAD IN WATER OUTLETS TESTING RESULTS OCEAN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Maryland law (Chapter 386, 2017) requires all occupied public and nonpublic schools, serving children in prekindergarten to grade 12, that receive drinking water from a public utility to test for the presence of lead in all drinking water outlets.

Worcester County Public Schools began the water testing process in January 2019. On February 15th and 16th, 2019, Maryland Environmental Service collected water samples from one hundred and eighty-two (182) water outlets at Ocean City Elementary School.

On March 20, 2019, the testing laboratory, ALS Environmental, forwarded water sample test results to Maryland Environmental Service for the 182 Ocean City Elementary School samples taken on February 15th and 16th, 2019.

A total of forty-nine (49) water outlets tested above the compliance action level of 20.5 ppb (parts per billion). The locations of those outlets are listed below.

Please be advised that these water testing results DO NOT mean that there are elevated levels of lead in the drinking water servicing Ocean City Elementary School students and staff. The results indicate that the actual water outlets (sink faucets) in the locations identified below are providing lead results above the compliance level. Of the forty-nine outlets testing above the compliance level, two water fountain outlets and two kitchen sinks throughout the school were discovered to have levels of lead above the 20.5 ppb compliance level. The remaining forty-five water outlets are classroom, bathroom and miscellaneous handwashing sinks.

In compliance with Maryland Department of the Environment regulations concerning lead in drinking water, Worcester County Public Schools has taken the following actions related to the two drinking fountain and two kitchen outlets which tested above the compliance level:

1. Within 24 hours of receipt of test results, close access to each of the outlets.
Completed 3/21/19.
2. Remove the existing outlet and replace with a new outlet.
Completed 3/22/19.
3. Within 5 school days, conduct a follow-up lead test sampling at the new outlet.
Completed 3/25/19.
4. Follow-up lead test sampling:
 - a. Results in levels less than 20.5 ppb, no further action required.



- i. 4 of the 4 re-tested water outlets fell in this category – water fountains located in Classrooms A2 and D4 and two sinks located in the Kitchen.
 - b. Results in levels greater than 20.5 ppb, install signage indicating water outlet is to be used for hand-washing only or remove outlet from service.
 - i. 0 of the 4 re-tested water outlets fell in this category.
5. Within 10 school days, notify parent or legal guardian of each student attending the school of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.
Completed 4/3/19.
6. Within 10 school days, notify school teachers and other employees of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.
Completed 4/3/19.
7. Within 30 school days of the school's receipt of the laboratory report, notice shall be posted on the school web site.
Completed 4/3/19.

To address the remaining forty-five water outlets (bathroom, classroom and miscellaneous handwashing sinks) which tested above the 20.5 ppb compliance level, we have installed Hand Washing Only signs at these outlets in compliance with Maryland Department of the Environment regulations.

You may access additional information regarding the lead testing program at the Maryland Department of the Environment website:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/Testing-For-Lead-In-Drinking-Water-Public-and-Nonpublic-Schools.aspx

For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, please visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov/lead

If you are concerned about your child's exposure to lead, please contact your local health department or health care provider to find out how to get your child tested for lead.

Ocean City Elementary School water outlet testing results:

1. Bathroom sink in Classroom A6 (32.5 ppb)
2. Bathroom sink in Classroom A8 (23.4 ppb)
3. Bathroom sink in Classroom A9 (31.6 ppb)
4. Bathroom sink in Classroom A10 (34.1 ppb)
5. Bathroom sink in Classroom A11 (78.4 ppb)
6. Bathroom sink in Classroom A4 (72.1 ppb)
7. Classroom sink in Classroom A2 – Fountain (33.0 ppb). Removed and re-tested.
8. Bathroom sink in Classroom B2 (24.3 ppb)
9. Bathroom sink in Classroom B5 (52.5 ppb)
10. Bathroom sink in Classroom B7 (28.8 ppb)
11. Bathroom sink in Planning Room B1 (205.0 ppb)
12. Bathroom sink in Classroom B2 (38.1 ppb)
13. Bathroom sink in Boy's Bathroom 265 – left side (516.0 ppb)
14. Bathroom sink in Boy's Bathroom 265 – right side (50.1 ppb)
15. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 267 – left side (215.0 ppb)
16. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 267 – center (22.0 ppb)
17. Bathroom sink in Classroom D2 (99.5 ppb)
18. Bathroom sink in Classroom D3 (180.0 ppb)
19. Classroom sink in Classroom D4 – Fountain (31.8 ppb). Removed and re-tested.
20. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 347 – right side (29.0 ppb)
21. Bathroom sink in Boy's Bathroom 348 – center (25.5 ppb)
22. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 355 – left side (65.4 ppb)
23. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 355 – right side (26.8 ppb)
24. Bathroom sink in Boy's Bathroom 356 – left side (24.2 ppb)
25. Bathroom sink in Boy's Bathroom 356 – center (540.0 ppb)
26. Bathroom sink in Nurse's Office 115 (113.0 ppb)
27. Bathroom sink in Admin Bathroom – right side (389.0 ppb)
28. Bathroom sink in Planning Room F7 (135.0 ppb)
29. Bathroom sink in Bathroom at Star Drive Corridor - right side (57.2 ppb)
30. Bathroom sink in Bathroom at Star Drive Corridor – left (side 852.0 ppb)
31. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 166 – left side (357.0 ppb)
32. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 166 – center (34.6 ppb)
33. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 166 – right side (28.9 ppb)
34. Bathroom sink in Boy's Bathroom 165 – center (49.4 ppb)
35. Handwashing sink in Kitchen – right rear (127.0 ppb)
36. Dual Kitchen sink in Kitchen – right side (74.4 ppb). Removed and re-tested.
37. Bathroom sink in Girl's Bathroom 267 (119.0 ppb)
38. Handwashing sink in Dishwashing Area (36.6 ppb)
39. Kitchen Handwashing sink – left front (64.7 ppb)
40. Bathroom sink in Kitchen Locker Room (584.0 ppb)
41. Classroom sink in Classroom A10 spigot (30.1 ppb)
42. Classroom sink in Classroom A11 spigot (52.0 ppb)
43. Classroom sink in Classroom B5 spigot (21.3 ppb)
44. Classroom sink in Classroom C6 spigot (23.0 ppb)
45. Classroom sink in Classroom C1 spigot (192.0 ppb)
46. Classroom sink in Classroom H4 spigot – right side (121.0 ppb)
47. Classroom sink in Classroom F1 spigot (25.6 ppb)
48. Classroom sink in Classroom F2 spigot (26.1 ppb)
49. Kitchen sink in Kitchen – left side (60.3 ppb). Removed and re-tested.