NOTICE OF LEAD IN WATER OUTLETS TESTING RESULTS – SNOW HILL MIDDLE 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 outlet testing process in January 2019. On April 3rd and 4th, 2019, Maryland Environmental Service collected water samples from fifty (50) water outlets at Snow Hill Middle School.

On April 24, 2019, the testing laboratory, ALS Environmental, forwarded water sample test results to Maryland Environmental Service for the fifty (50) Snow Hill Middle School samples taken on April 3rd and 4th, 2019.

None of the water outlets tested at Snow Hill Middle School tested above the 20.5 ppb (parts per billion) action compliance level.

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 water outlet testing at Snow Hill Middle School:

1. Within 24 hours of receipt of test results, close access to each of the outlets. Not Applicable – no outlets tested above the compliance level.
2. Remove the existing outlet and replace with a new outlet. Not Applicable – no outlets tested above the compliance level.
3. Within 5 school days, conduct a follow-up lead test sampling at the new outlet. Not Applicable – no outlets tested above the compliance level.
4. Follow-up lead test sampling: Not Applicable – no outlets tested above the compliance level.
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 4/26/19.
6. Within 10 school days, notify school teachers and other employees of the school’s receipt of the laboratory report. Completed 4/26/19.
7. Within 30 school days of the school’s receipt of the laboratory report, notice shall be posted on the school web site. Completed 4/26/19.
You may access additional information regarding the lead testing program at the Maryland Department of the Environment website:  

For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, please visit the Environmental Protect 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.