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NOTICE OF LEAD IN WATER OUTLETS TESTING RESULTS CEDAR CHAPEL SPECIAL 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 March 7th and 8th, 2019, Maryland Environmental Service collected water samples from forty-seven (47) water outlets at Cedar Chapel Special School.

On April 17th, 2019, the testing laboratory, ALS Environmental, forwarded water sample test results to Maryland Environmental Service for the forty-seven (47) Cedar Chapel Special School samples taken on March 7th and 8th, 2019.

A total of eight water outlets tested above the compliance action level of 20.5 ppb (parts per billion). Listed below are the locations of the eight outlets.

1. Combo sink in Conference Room, Fountain (22.4 ppb)
2. Classroom sink in Classroom 124, Fountain (425 ppb)
3. Classroom sink in Classroom 142, Spigot (675 ppb)
4. Classroom sink in Classroom 145, Fountain (24.8 ppb)
5. Drinking fountain outside Room 133 (35.1 ppb)
6. Classroom sink in Classroom 124, Spigot (35.2 ppb)
7. Bathroom sink in Bathroom 169 – Right (152 ppb)
8. Bathroom sink in Bathroom 129 – Left (91.9 ppb)

Please be advised that these water testing results DO NOT mean that there are elevated levels of lead in the drinking water servicing Cedar Chapel Special School students and staff. The results indicate that the actual water outlets (sink faucets) in the eight locations identified initially tested above the 20.5 ppb actionable level.

In compliance with Maryland Department of the Environment regulations concerning lead in drinking water, Worcester County Public Schools has taken the following actions:

1. Within 24 hours of receipt of test results, close access to each of the eight outlets.
Completed 4/17/19.
2. Remove the existing outlet and replace with a new outlet.



- Completed 4/18/19.
3. Within 5 school days, conduct a follow-up lead test sampling at the new outlet.
Completed 4/23/19.
 4. Follow-up lead test sampling:
 - a. Results in levels less than 20.5 ppb, no further action required.
 - i. **One of the two re-tested water fountain outlets fell into this category – drinking fountain outside Room 133.**
 - 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. **One of the two re-tested water fountain outlets fell into this category – Classroom sink in Classroom 145.**
 - ii. **The water fountains in the Conference Room and Classroom 124 had been replaced within two weeks of initial testing. These outlets have been removed from service.**
 - iii. **Hand Washing Only signs have been installed at the remaining four outlets.**
 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 5/24/19. Note: Delayed due to delivery/installation of new water fountain and laboratory re-testing results.
 6. Within 10 school days, notify school teachers and other employees of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.
Completed 5/24/19. Note: Delayed due to delivery/installation of new water fountain and laboratory re-testing results.
 7. Within 30 school days of the school's receipt of the laboratory report, notice shall be posted on the school web site.
Completed 5/24/19. Note: Delayed due to delivery/installation of new water fountain and laboratory re-testing results.

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.