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## **NOTICE OF LEAD IN WATER OUTLETS TESTING RESULTS** **POCOMOKE 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 testing process in January 2019. On May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Maryland Environmental Service collected water samples from fifty-one (51) water outlets at Pocomoke Middle School.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the testing laboratory, ALS Environmental, forwarded water sample test results to Maryland Environmental Service for the fifty-one (51) Pocomoke Middle School samples taken on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

A total of one water outlet tested above the compliance action level of 20.5 ppb (parts per billion). Listed below is the location of the outlet.

1. Classroom sink in Band Classroom (44.2 ppb)

Please be advised that these water testing results DO NOT mean that there are elevated levels of lead in the drinking water servicing Pocomoke Middle School students and staff. The results indicate that the actual water outlets (sink faucets) in the one location 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 the outlet.  
Completed 6/4/19.
2. Remove the existing outlet and replace with a new outlet.  
Not applicable.
3. Within 5 school days, conduct a follow-up lead test sampling at the new outlet.  
Not applicable.
4. Follow-up lead test sampling:
  - a. Results in levels less than 20.5 ppb, no further action required.
    - i. Not applicable.
  - 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. Not applicable.
  - ii. The outlet at this sink has been permanently removed.  
Five additional sinks which tested below the 20.5 ppb compliance level are available in the Band classroom.
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 6/6/19.
6. Within 10 school days, notify school teachers and other employees of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.  
Completed 6/6/19.
7. Within 30 school days of the school's receipt of the laboratory report, notice shall be posted on the school web site.  
Completed 6/6/19.

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](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](http://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.