

Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Non-Public Schools

IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP NOTICE: MEASURES TAKEN **Bear Creek Elementary School**

ELEVATED LEAD WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)

All Maryland public and nonpublic schools are required to sample all drinking water sources for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations. On October 27, 2018, 51 water samples were collected from Bear Creek Elementary School. Of these water samples, one (1) had levels of lead exceeding the action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The elevated lead results from the sample(s) collected at Bear Creek Elementary School were as follows:

55.1 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Library Workroom, Handsink

ACTION LEVEL (AL)

The AL is 20 ppb for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The AL is the concentration of lead which, if exceeded, triggers required remediation.

FOLLOW-UP RESULTS

On December 14, 2019, samples were re-tested from the locations listed above. Samples are still above the AL of 20 ppb for the listed fixtures.

ACTIONS TAKEN WITH DATES

The fixture was replaced prior to resampling. When results were received on February 18, 2020, the fixture was labeled “Hand and Dish Washing Only” and is no longer a drinking water source.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. For additional information, please contact David Glassman, Supervisor, Environmental Services at 443.809.6310 or dglassman2@bcps.org.
2. For additional information about reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA’s website at www.epa.gov/lead.
3. If you are concerned about exposure, contact your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact the Baltimore County Department of Health at 410.887.3725.