

Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP NOTICE: MEASURES TAKEN

Halethorpe 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 November 3, 2018, 44 water samples were collected from Halethorpe Elementary School. Of these water samples, three (3) 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 Halethorpe Elementary School were as follows:

27.6 parts per billion (ppb) Tap Room 8 Handsink
54.7 parts per billion (ppb) Tap Room 10 Handsink
93.5 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 January 25, 2020 samples were re-tested from the locations listed above. Samples are now below the AL for all except the following fixtures:

Tap Room 10 Handsink
Tap Library Workroom Handsink

ACTIONS TAKEN WITH DATES

These fixtures were replaced prior to resampling. The fixtures that are below the action level were returned to normal service on February 25, 2020 after sampling results were received. The fixtures that are above the action level are being remediated, except for the Library Workroom, which has been posted as “Hand and Dish Washing Only,” and will no longer be used as a source of drinking water.

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.

