

## Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

### **IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP NOTICE: MEASURES TAKEN** **Owings Mills High 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 May 18, 2019, 37 water samples were collected from Owings Mills High School. Of these water samples, twelve (12) 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 Owings Mills High School were as follows:

24.9 parts per billion (ppb) Fountain, Hallway by Receiving Room  
99.9 parts per billion (ppb) Fountain, Hallway by Room 101, Left  
54.0 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Health Suite, Exam Room, Handsink  
442 parts per billion (ppb) Fountain, Hallway by Room 204, Left  
73.9 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 214, Station 1, Handsink  
26.9 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 214, Station 2, Handsink  
50.7 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 215, Station 1, Handsink  
1290 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 215, Station 2, Handsink  
20.9 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 215, Station 3, Handsink  
47.2 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 215, Station 5, Handsink  
159 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 215, Station 6, Handsink  
192 parts per billion (ppb) Tap, Room 215, Station 8, 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. Sample results are now below the AL for the following fixtures:

Tap, Health Suite, Exam Room, Handsink  
Fountain, Hallway by Room 204, Left  
Tap, Room 215, Station 1, Handsink  
Tap, Room 215, Station 3, 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. Fixtures that are still above the action level have been turned off, or labeled “Hand and Dish Washing Only,” until additional remediation and sampling is completed.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. For additional information, please contact David Glassman, Supervisor, Environmental Services at 443.809.6310 or [dglassman2@bcps.org](mailto: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](http://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.