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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that all Head Start centers and partner sites have recently completed testing for lead in drinking water. This is part of an ongoing effort related to updated Head Start Program Performance Standards 1302.47(b)(1)(iii), which requires school and child care facilities to test for lead in drinking water every 5 years and to act when lead is found at levels at or above 20 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that has a range of adverse health effects if inhaled or swallowed. Lead rarely occurs naturally in Minnesota’s drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water) and typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials.

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is the only way to learn whether lead is present. It is important to sample each faucet or water fountain that is used for drinking or food prep because test results can vary between locations.

During recent testing, we collected samples from [67] drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with [0] samples testing at or above 20 ppb, the level where action must be taken.

The table below shows a list of all the tested outlets, their locations, and sample results. Moving forward we will have all centers run the water first before drinking or getting water for food preparation.

< means no trace amounts of lead were detected.

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
376196	Cedar Classroom	2.06 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376197	Cedar hall	<	N/A
376176	Stillwater Bathroom #1	3.63	N/A
376175	Stillwater Bathroom #2	3.66	N/A

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376174	Stillwater drinking fountain #1	3.87	N/A
376173	Stillwater drinking fountain #2	3.63	N/A
376178	Lakes Youth Room	5.18 1.98	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376179	Lakes bathroom	1.55 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376180	Lakes fountain	2.57 <	Initial 2 nd sample-Flush
376177	Oakdale Kitchen sink	<	N/A
376181	Oakdale boys bathroom sink	<	N/A
378458	Newport kitchen sink	4.91 1.32	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
378459	Newport fountain	<	N/A
376200	101/102 craftroom	3.34 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376201	102 bathroom	<	N/A
376202	103 bathroom	<	N/A
376203	103/104 craftroom	1.83 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376204m	104 bathroom	<	N/A
376205	105 bathroom	<	N/A

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376206	105/106 craftroom	1.70 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376206	106 bathroom	<	N/A
376207	107 bathroom	<	N/A
376330	107/108 craftroom	<	N/A
376333	108 bathroom	<	N/A
376339	114 bathroom	<	N/A
376345	115 bathroom	<	N/A
376343	114/115 craftroom	<	N/A
376355	116 bathroom	<	N/A
376357	117 bathroom	<	N/A
376356	116/117 craftroom	<	N/A
376194	118 bathroom	<	N/A
376192	119 bathroom	<	N/A
376193	118/119 craftroom	<	N/A
376191	120 bathroom	<	N/A
376189	121 bathroom	<	N/A
376190	120/121 craftroom	1.25 1.03	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
376188	Staff lounge coffee maker	<	N/A
376528	Staff lounge sink	<	N/A
376187	Fountain by 108	<	N/A

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376186	Fountain by ED #1	<	N/A
376185	Fountain by ED #2	<	N/A
376530	Fountain by 115 #1 wall	<	N/A
376184	Fountain by 115 #2	<	N/A
376183	Kettle cooker kitchen	<	N/A
376182	Prep sink kitchen	2.01 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
390107	NHCH Infant sink	<	N/A
390106	NHCH Transition sink	<	N/A
390105	NHCH Toddler sink	<	N/A
390104	NHCH Kitchen	<	N/A
390112	NHFR Infant sink	<	N/A
390111	NHFR Toddler sink	<	N/A
390110	NHFR Kitchen	<	N/A
390109	NHST Toddler sink	<	N/A
390108	NHST Kitchen	<	N/A

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390118	NHA Infant sink	<	N/A
390117	NHA Toddler sink	<	N/A
390116	NHA Kitchen	<	N/A
390481	NHCR Infant sink	<	N/A
390115	NHCR Toddler #1	<	N/A
390114	NHCR Toddler #2	<	N/A
390113	NHCR Kitchen	1.26 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
390103	CB Infant sink	<	N/A
390102	CB Toddler sink	<	N/A
390101	CB Kitchen	4.04 <	Initial 2 nd sample - Flush
390100	Little Hawari Kitchen sink	<	N/A
390415	Little Hawari Classroom sink	<	N/A

Additional resources and information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) can be viewed at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/schools.html>

Sincerely,

Head Start Management Team

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