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NOTICE OF LEAD IN WATER OUTLETS TESTING RESULTS **BERLIN INTERMEDIATE 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 March 2nd, 3rd and 8th, 2019, Maryland Environmental Service collected water samples from fifty-four (54) water outlets at Berlin Intermediate School.

On May 28th, 2019, the testing laboratory, ALS Environmental, forwarded water sample test results to Maryland Environmental Service for the fifty-four (54) Berlin Intermediate School samples taken on March 2nd, 3rd and 8th, 2019.

A total of thirteen water outlets tested above the compliance action level of 20.5 ppb (parts per billion). Listed below are the locations of the thirteen outlets.

1. Sink in Family Consumer Science Classroom (23.9 ppb)
2. Sink in Classroom C13, Spigot (20.1 ppb)
3. Sink in Classroom C15, Spigot (25.2 ppb)
4. Sink in Classroom C17, Spigot (26.4 ppb)
5. Sink in Classroom C19, Spigot (24.8 ppb)
6. Sink in Classroom C19, Fountain (25.1 ppb)
7. Sink in Classroom C18, Spigot (22.2 ppb)
8. Sink in Family Consumer Science Classroom (21.9 ppb)
9. Sink in Family Consumer Science Classroom (27.5 ppb)
10. Sink in Classroom C6, Spigot (35.1 ppb)
11. Sink in Family Consumer Science Classroom (25.9 ppb)
12. Sink in Classroom C6, Spigot (35.9 ppb)
13. Sink in Family Consumer Science Classroom (37.2 ppb)

Please be advised that these water testing results DO NOT mean that there are elevated levels of lead in the drinking water servicing Berlin Intermediate School students and staff. The results indicate that the actual water outlets (sink faucets) in the thirteen locations 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 each of the thirteen outlets.
Completed 5/29/19.
2. Remove the existing outlet and replace with a new outlet.
Completed 6/3/19.
3. Within 5 school days, conduct a follow-up lead test sampling at the new outlet.
Completed 6/4/19.
4. Follow-up lead test sampling:
 - a. Results in levels less than 20.5 ppb, no further action required.
 - i. The one re-tested water fountain outlet fell into this category – Fountain in Classroom C19.
 - 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. Hand Washing Only signs have been installed at the remaining twelve outlets.
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 6/18/19. Note: Delayed due to delivery of laboratory results.
6. Within 10 school days, notify school teachers and other employees of the school's receipt of the laboratory report.
Completed 6/18/19. Note: Delayed due to delivery of laboratory results.
7. Within 30 school days of the school's receipt of the laboratory report, notice shall be posted on the school web site.
Completed 6/18/19. Note: Delayed due to delivery of laboratory results.

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

For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, please visit the Environmental Protect Agency's website: 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.