Pb Guidance for Responding to Lead Test Results

<1 ppb

AT THE TAP
No specific action is needed.

AT THE SCHOOL
Continue using any lead removal or remediation measures currently in place.

1-9 ppb

AT THE TAP
Consider routine flushing of the affected fixture.

AT THE SCHOOL
Only use cold water for drinking and food preparation.

Clean aerators regularly.

10-19 ppb

AT THE TAP
Take fixture out of service or reduce exposure through regular flushing or filters.

You will be contacted by DOH staff to discuss further actions.

AT THE SCHOOL
Only use cold water for drinking and food preparation.

Clean aerators regularly.

Tell your school community.

LIKELY RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS
Institute routine flushing of the fixture or building. Create a quality assurance plan to assure that flushing occurs properly each day.

Prioritize replacement of affected fixtures in Capital Improvement Plan. Taps with higher results (closer to 19 ppb) should be replaced as soon as is feasible.

Retest after actions to assure reduction in lead. Follow advice from DOH or local health jurisdiction.

>20 ppb

AT THE TAP
Immediately take fixture out of service and provide bottled water if there is not another source of water.

You will be contacted by DOH staff to discuss further actions.

AT THE SCHOOL
Only use cold water for drinking and food preparation.

Clean aerators regularly.

Tell your school community.

LIKELY RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS
Conduct flush test on affected fixtures.

Replace the fixture with a lead free fixture.

Retest after actions to see effects and assure permanent reduction in lead.

Follow advice from DOH or local health jurisdiction.

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To get a communications toolkit for lead testing, or for any other questions, call our schools coordinator at 360-236-3248. DOH Publication 334-413, January 2018. If you need this publication in an alternative format, call 800.525.0127 (TDD/TTY call 711).