

Montgomery County Public Schools Lead in Drinking Water Testing Report

Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teachers Way
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Report Date: February 17th, 2020

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER SAMPLE RESULTS SUMMARY

All Maryland public and nonpublic schools are required to sample all drinking water outlets for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is required to remediate outlets where lead in drinking water concentrations exceed the Montgomery County Action Level (AL) of 5 parts per billion (ppb). A summary of the lead in water initial samples collected by SaLUT are presented in the table below.

Sampling Date	1/30/2020
# of Outlets Tested	26
# of Outlets \geq 5 ppb	0

NEXT STEPS

If an initial sample exceeds the AL (5 ppb), the outlet will be immediately shut-down, a follow-up sample collected, and a remedial plan of action developed for this outlet. No additional sampling or remedial actions are required for schools where all initial samples are below the AL.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the fetus receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

SOURCES OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO LEAD

There are many different sources of human exposure to lead. These include: lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust or soil, some plumbing materials, certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, cosmetics, exposure in the work place and from certain hobbies. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water, while for an infant consuming formula mixed with lead-containing water this may increase to 40 to 60 percent.

TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER:

1. Run your water to flush out lead: If water hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula: Lead from the plumbing dissolves more easily into hot water.

**Please note that boiling the water will not reduce lead levels.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. For additional information, please contact Brian Mullikin, Environmental Team Leader, at 240.740.2324 or brian_a_mullikin@mcpsmd.org.
2. For additional information on 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 local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead.

Please refer to the attachment(s) for additional water sampling information.

Attachment(s) A – Lead in Water Sample Results Table

ATTACHMENT A

Lead in Water Sample Results Table

Sample Results for Gaithersburg MS

Fixture Barcode	Fixture Location	Fixture Type	Initial Results (ppb)	Pass/Fail	Follow up Results (ppb)	Status
LW00184	In hallway between room 601 & 603	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00185	In locker room - girls by gymnasium ie. inside of upper auxiliary gym	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00186	In locker room - boys inside of lower auxiliary gym	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00187	In hallway between CR 404 & 402	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00188	In team room next to BSM	Classroom Sink	2.2	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00189	In hallway next to room 300	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00190	In break room inside of vision & hearing 201	Classroom Sink	1.8	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00191	In kitchen	Ice Machine	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00192	In kitchen	Kitchen Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00194	In kitchen	Kitchen Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00195	In kitchen	Kitchen Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00196	In kitchen	Kitchen Sink	1.0	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00197	In kitchen	Kitchen Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00198	In kitchen	Kitchen Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00199	In hallway across from cafeteria	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00200	In special ed by special ed ie. conference room	Teachers Lounge Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00201	In health room	Nurses Office Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00202	In break room by administration ie. main office 3rd door on the left	Teachers Lounge Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00203	In hallway by gymnasium ie. right of ticket office	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00204	In hallway right of room 500	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00205	In hallway across from room 806	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW00206	In hallway across from room 705	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
M13529	In reading classroom 703	Classroom Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
M13545	In hallway across 109	Drinking Fountain	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete

LW08047	In classroom 703	Classroom Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete
LW08048	In classroom 703	Classroom Sink	<1	Pass	N/A	Testing Complete



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEAD IN DRINKING WATER TESTING 2018**

**Executive Summary:
Gaithersburg Middle School**

2 Teachers Way
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Date of Test Report:	03/12/2018
Round of Testing:	Initial
# of Outlets Tested:	27
# of Outlets \geq 20 ppb:	0
Low Value (ppb):	< 1.0
High Value (ppb):	13.5

Project Status

Initial testing complete: All results less than 20 ppb.



March 12, 2018

Mr. Brian Mullikin
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Re: Lead in Water Testing Service

Location: Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teachers Way
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Dear Mr. Mullikin:

Professional Services Industries (PSI), Inc. is pleased to submit the following report to the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) for completion of initial lead in water testing at Gaithersburg Middle School, located at 2 Teachers Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

Scope of Services:

PSI conducted lead in water testing at Gaithersburg Middle School in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Maryland House Bill (HB) 270. State regulation established an action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) to evaluate lead levels in school buildings, a concentration EPA recommends that schools take action to reduce lead below this action level. Maryland requires periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings. EPA developed the 3T's (Training, Testing, and Telling) to assist schools in reducing the lead concentrations in their drinking water. More information about 3T's can be found on the EPA website.

PSI visited the site on 01/31/18 and 02/01/18 to collect samples from 27 drinking water outlets in accordance with current criteria described by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Draft Lead in Drinking Water—Public and Nonpublic Schools, Title 26, Subtitle 16 Lead, Chapter 07.

Samples were submitted to a laboratory for lead in water analysis using current US EPA methodology. The laboratory has been certified by the Maryland Department of the Environment to analyze drinking water for lead.

Results:

There were no results of the lead in water analysis at or above 20 parts per billion (ppb).

The lead in water sample results < 20 ppb for sample collection date 02/01/18 are shown in Attachment A.



Discussion:

Lead is a naturally occurring element that can be harmful to humans when ingested or inhaled, particularly to children under the age of six. Lead can adversely affect the development of children's brain potentially leading to detrimental alterations in intelligence and behavior. Lead has been historically used in plumbing, paint and other building materials. Lead is released into the environment from industrial sources and fuel combustion. Lead may also be found in consumer products (imported candy, medicines, toys, dishes, etc.).

Most lead leaches into drinking water from contact with plumbing components such as faucets and valves made of brass or lead-containing solder. The physical and chemical interaction that occurs between the plumbing and water directly contributes to the amount of lead that is released into the water. Although plumbing components installed prior to the 1990's could contain more lead than newer materials, the amount of lead in the drinking water cannot be predicted by the age of building. The purpose of this regulation is to establish a program to minimize the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water outlets at schools.

Simple steps like keeping your home clean and well-maintained will go a long way in preventing lead exposure. These steps include inspecting and maintaining all painted surfaces to prevent paint deterioration, using only cold water to prepare food and drinks, flushing water outlets used for drinking or food preparation, and cleaning around painted areas where friction can generate dust, such as doors, windows, and drawers. Wipe these areas with a wet sponge or rag to remove paint chips or dust, and wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: A – Lead in Water Test Summary Table

ATTACHMENT A

Lead in Water Test Summary Table

Contractor: Professional Services Industries, Inc.

Certified Laboratory: Microbac Laboratories, Inc.

Sample Results for Gaithersburg Middle School

Barcode ID	Room Number	Location	Location Notes	Equipment Type	Result (PPB)*	Pass/Fail	Status
LW00184		Hallway	Between Room 601 & 603	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00185		Locker Room - Girls	Inside Of Upper Auxiliary Gym	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00186		Locker Room - Boys	Inside Of Lower Auxiliary Gym	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00187		Hallway	Between Rm 404 & 402	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00188		Team Room	Next To BSM	Faucet	3.1	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00189		Hallway	Next To Room 300	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00190		Break Room Office	Inside Of Vision & Hearing Rm 201	Faucet	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00191		Kitchen Cafeteria		Icemaker	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00192		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00193		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	5	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00194		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	2.1	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00195		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00196		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	1.2	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00197		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00198		Kitchen Cafeteria		Faucet	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00199		Hallway	Across From Cafeteria	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00200		Special Ed	Conference Room	Faucet	1.8	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00201		Health Room		Faucet	1	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00202		Break Room Administration	Main Office 3rd Door On The Left	Faucet	1	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00203		Hallway Gymnasium	Right Of Ticket Office	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00204		Hallway	Right Of Room 500	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00205		Hallway	Across From Room 806	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete

Barcode ID	Room Number	Location	Location Notes	Equipment Type	Result (PPB)*	Pass/Fail	Status
LW00206		Hallway	Across From Room 705	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete
LW00207		Classroom	Classroom 703a	Faucet	13.5	Pass	Testing Complete
M13471		Media Center Media Center		Faucet	6.5	Pass	Testing Complete
M13529		Reading	Classroom 703	Faucet	3	Pass	Testing Complete
M13545		Hallway	Across Rm 109	Cooler	<1.0	Pass	Testing Complete

*ppb = parts per billion