

Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

Important Notice: Water Sample Results **Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School**

November 5, 2019

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) tests all schools for the presence of lead in school drinking water to comply with a state regulation requiring lead testing of drinking water outlets in all Maryland schools.

On May 17, 2019, 67 lead water samples were collected from Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School. All of Higdon's samples were compliant with state regulations, and none of the samples showed lead exceeding the action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The action level is the concentration of lead, which, if exceeded, triggers required remediation.

All lead sampling test results are accessible on the school system website at <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/water-quality-reports>.

Next steps

No remediation is necessary at Higdon since all samples were compliant with state regulations.

More information

For additional information, contact Michael Heim, assistant superintendent of supporting services, at 301-934-7270 or mheim@ccboe.com.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit the EPA website at www.epa.gov/lead. 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.