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UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT / 320 ELIZABETH STREET / UTICA, NY 13501

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Dear Parent & Guardians of Donovan Middle School:

Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYS DOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 5 micrograms per liter (μ/L), the NYS DOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

The "on-again, off-again" nature of water use at most schools can raise lead levels in school drinking water. Water that remains in pipes overnight, over a weekend, or over vacation periods stays in contact with lead pipes or lead solder and, as a result, could contain higher levels of lead. This is why schools are required to collect a sample after the water has been sitting in the plumbing system for a certain period of time. This "first draw" sample is likely to show higher levels of lead for that outlet than what you would see if you sampled after using the water continuously. However, even if the first draw sample does not reflect what you would see with continuous usage, it is still important because it can identify outlets that have elevated lead levels.

On February 7th, there were **40 water fixtures** tested; and **4** showed lead levels above the allowable 5 ppb (parts per billion) marks.

Floor	Function / Space	Room	Fixture Type	Sample Results
1 st floor	classroom	Room 162	sink	6.7 μ/L
1 st floor	Art storage room	Room 160	sink	11.4 μ/L
1 st floor	classroom	Room 109	sink	6.7 μ/L
1 st floor	Nurse exam room	Room 115 exam 1	Sink	5.1 μ/L

Outlets that tested with lead levels above the action level (5 ppb) were removed from service unless an outlet is a sink faucet needed for handwashing. In that case, a sign was posted at the outlet indicating that the sink is not to be used for drinking. Outlets that tested below the action level remain in service with no restrictions.

A full comprehensive report of the sampling program is available on the school's website:
<http://www.uticaschools.org/Donovan>

Select the tab "Lead Testing" on the left-hand side of the page. The report and any pertinent documents are listed.

For information about lead in school drinking water, go to:
https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/LeadTestinginSchoolDrinkingWater.html>

For information about NYS DOH Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, go to: <http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/>
If you should have any questions on the above, at any time, please feel free to contact me at 315.792.2231 .

Thank you,

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Sample Identification # and Location	Date/Time Collected	Date/Time Analyzed	Container ID	Analyte	Results	NYSDOH Action	Units	Location	Action Taken
DMS 01	2/7/2024 05:31	2/13/2024 14:30	70286750001	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 03	2/7/2024 05:33	2/13/2024 14:31	70286750002	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 04	2/7/2024 05:34	2/13/2024 14:36	70286750003	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 05	2/7/2024 05:38	2/13/2024 14:38	70286750004	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 06	2/7/2024 05:37	2/13/2024 14:39	70286750005	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 08	2/7/2024 05:34	2/13/2024 14:41	70286750006	Lead	3.8	5	ug/L		
DMS 09	2/7/2024 05:43	2/13/2024 14:42	70286750007	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 10	2/7/2024 05:45	2/13/2024 14:44	70286750008	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 11	2/7/2024 05:44	2/13/2024 14:46	70286750009	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 12	2/7/2024 05:29	2/13/2024 14:47	70286750010	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 13	2/7/2024 05:26	2/14/2024 10:09	70286750011	Lead	3.2	5	ug/L		
DMS 14	2/7/2024 05:28	2/14/2024 10:10	70286750012	Lead	6.7	5	ug/L	Rm 162/sink	sign posted
DMS 15	2/7/2024 05:22	2/14/2024 10:12	70286750013	Lead	2.1	5	ug/L		
DMS 16	2/7/2024 05:23	2/14/2024 10:14	70286750014	Lead	1.6	5	ug/L		
DMS 17	2/7/2024 05:23	2/14/2024 10:15	70286750015	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 18	2/7/2024 05:24	2/14/2024 10:17	70286750016	Lead	1.5	5	ug/L		
DMS 19	2/7/2024 05:24	2/14/2024 10:18	70286750017	Lead	3.7	5	ug/L		
DMS 20	2/7/2024 05:25	2/14/2024 10:20	70286750018	Lead	1.8	5	ug/L		
DMS 21	2/7/2024 05:27	2/14/2024 10:24	70286750019	Lead	11.4	5	ug/L	Art Storage Rm 160	sign posted
DMS 22	2/7/2024 05:19	2/14/2024 10:26	70286750020	Lead	6.7	5	ug/L	Room 109	sign posted
DMS 24	2/7/2024 05:16	2/14/2024 10:27	70286750021	Lead	2.7	5	ug/L		
DMS 25	2/7/2024 05:17	2/14/2024 10:32	70286750022	Lead	3.1	5	ug/L		
DMS 26	2/7/2024 05:17	2/14/2024 10:36	70286750023	Lead	5.1	5	ug/L	Nurse Rm 115 EX 1	sign posted
DMS 27	2/7/2024 05:18	2/14/2024 10:44	70286750024	Lead	2.4	5	ug/L		
DMS 28	2/7/2024 05:13	2/14/2024 10:45	70286750025	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 29	2/7/2024 06:06	2/14/2024 10:47	70286750026	Lead	1.8	5	ug/L		
DMS 30	2/7/2024 05:11	2/14/2024 10:48	70286750027	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 31	2/7/2024 05:12	2/14/2024 10:50	70286750028	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 32	2/7/2024 05:49	2/14/2024 10:52	70286750029	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 33	2/7/2024 05:47	2/14/2024 10:53	70286750030	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 34	2/7/2024 05:58	2/14/2024 10:55	70286750031	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 35	2/7/2024 05:59	2/14/2024 10:56	70286750032	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 36	2/7/2024 05:59	2/14/2024 11:01	70286750033	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 37	2/7/2024 05:59	2/14/2024 11:02	70286750034	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 39	2/7/2024 06:02	2/14/2024 11:04	70286750035	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 40	2/7/2024 06:01	2/14/2024 11:05	70286750036	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 41	2/7/2024 05:56	2/14/2024 11:07	70286750037	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 42	2/7/2024 05:52	2/14/2024 11:09	70286750038	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 43	2/7/2024 05:51	2/14/2024 11:10	70286750039	Lead	<1.0	5	ug/L		
DMS 44	2/7/2024 05:55	2/14/2024 11:12	70286750040	Lead	3.6	5	ug/L		