



July 14, 2016

Dear Smyser families,

In light of national events that have brought increased attention to the issue of water quality, the City of Chicago announced several additional precautionary measures that will be added to the City's water testing protocol, continuing the City's track record of complying with current state and federal regulations as well as exceeding industry standards.

As part of this announcement, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) began testing the water for levels of lead from all schools across the district. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff, and this testing was initiated out of an abundance of caution to ensure the water in our schools is safe. Schools are being tested based on a priority criteria that includes the age of the school, age of the students (with priority given to schools with pre-K programs), presence of a kitchen (where meals are prepared) and presence of pipes that could need repairs or replacement.

The results of all the schools are coming in on a rolling basis, and the majority have had levels under the EPA's action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). At Smyser samples were tested from 26 sites and the water sampled from three sinks were above the action level of 15 ppb. The first sink on the first floor read at 34.8 and 23.8 ppb. The second sink on the first floor read at 17.4 ppb. The third sink on the first floor read at 129, 93.5, 54.5, and 18.5 ppb. The water from the sinks have been turned off and remediation plans are being created.

Chicago's water supply is free of lead when it leaves the treatment plant. However, lead can be found in some interior plumbing fixtures and materials, and lead found in tap water usually comes from the corrosion of these items. This explains why only three of the samples at Smyser returned with elevated results – the issue is not system-wide, but is specific to the fixtures or pipes for those sinks and will be addressed through the remediation plan. The full results of every school's water samples can be found online at cps.edu/leadtesting.

Federal guidance indicates that children under the age of six are at the highest risk for harmful lead exposure, and they can be exposed to lead from a variety of sources, including paint, soil and even some consumer products. If you are concerned about your child's possible lead exposure risks, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends going to your pediatrician or one of the local health care providers listed in the attachment for testing. Additionally, CDPH's lead hotline can address any health related questions you may have or help you in deciding whether to have your child tested; for questions or more information, please call 312-747-5323. For additional information about lead and children, visit www.cdc.gov/lead.

The safety of your children is our highest priority, and we are doing everything in our power to address this situation in a quick and thorough manner. We will continue to keep you and your family informed throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Forrest Claypool
CEO, Chicago Public Schools

Dr. Julie Morita
Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health



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Estimadas familias de la escuela Smyser,

Ante los eventos nacionales que han incrementado la atención en el tema de la calidad del agua, la Alcaldía de Chicago anunció varias medidas adicionales de precaución que serán agregadas al protocolo de prueba del agua de la ciudad, continuando con el cumplimiento de las regulaciones estatales y federales, que exceden los estándares industriales.

Como parte de este anuncio, las Escuelas Públicas de Chicago (CPS) comenzaron a medir los niveles de plomo en el agua de todas las escuelas del distrito. Nuestra principal prioridad es la salud y seguridad de todos nuestros estudiantes y personal, y estas pruebas fueron iniciadas solamente para extremar las precauciones y estar seguros de que el agua es segura. Las escuelas son examinadas con base a un criterio de prioridad que incluye la antigüedad del edificio, edad de los estudiantes (con prioridad para las escuelas con programas preescolares), presencia de una cocina (donde se preparan alimentos) y la presencia de cañerías que necesiten reparación o reemplazo.

Los resultados de todas las escuelas se están conociendo, y la mayoría ha registrado niveles por debajo del nivel de acción de la EPA, que es de 15 partículas por billón (ppb). En Smyser se tomaron muestras de 26 lugares y el agua de tres piletas tenía rastros de plomo por encima del nivel de acción de 15 ppb. La piletta del primer piso registró 34.8 y 24.8 ppb. La segunda piletta del primer piso registró 17.4 ppb. La tercer piletta del primer piso registró 129, 93.5, 54.5 y 18.5. ppb. El suministro de agua fue interrumpido y se están creando planes para remediar la situación.

El agua de Chicago no tiene plomo cuando sale de la planta de tratamiento. Sin embargo, el plomo se puede encontrar en algunas cañerías internas y materiales, y el plomo encontrado en el agua potable es provocado usualmente por la corrosión de las cañerías. Esto explica por qué solamente tres de las muestras de Smyser registró un nivel elevado, un tema que no es general sino específico de la cañería, que será abordado en el plan de remediación. Los resultados completos del agua de cada escuela se pueden ver en línea en cps.edu/leadtesting.

Los lineamientos federales indican que los niños menores de seis años son los que corren mayores riesgos con la exposición al plomo, algo que puede ocurrir de varias fuentes, incluyendo pintura, tierra y algunos productos de consumo. Si están preocupados por la posible exposición de su hijo al plomo, el Departamento de Salud Pública de la ciudad de Chicago (CDPH) recomienda visitar a su pediatra o a alguno de los centros de salud listados en el material adjunto, para una prueba. Además, la línea directa del CDPH puede responder cualquier pregunta que tengan, o ayudarlos a decidir si su niño debe ser examinado; por preguntas o más información, llame por favor al 312-747-5323. Por información adicional sobre el plomo y los niños, visite www.cdc.gov/lead.

La seguridad de sus hijos es nuestra principal prioridad, y hacemos todo lo que está en nuestro poder para resolver esta situación de una manera rápida y rigurosa. Continuaremos informándoles sobre este proceso.

Atentamente,



Forrest Claypool
CEO, Escuelas Públicas de Chicago



Dra. Julie Morita, Comisionada
Departamento de Salud Pública de Chicago



School Lead Water Testing - Data Collection Form

School Name Smyser

Sample ID #	Sample Location	Sample Collection Time & Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
52570-B-N-F01-001	Branch- Cafeteria North, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.846	BA
52570-B-N-F01-002	Branch- Cafeteria North, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.338	BA
52570-B-N-F01-003	Branch- Cafeteria North, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.342	BA
52570-B-N-F01-004	Branch- Cafeteria North, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.351	BA
52570-B-N-F01-005	Branch- Cafeteria North, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.342	BA
52570-B-S-S02-001	Branch- Cafeteria South, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.37	BA
52570-B-S-S02-002	Branch- Cafeteria South, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.413	BA
52570-B-S-S02-003	Branch- Cafeteria South, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.443	BA
52570-B-S-S02-004	Branch- Cafeteria South, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.697	BA
52570-B-S-S02-005	Branch- Cafeteria South, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.51	BA
52570-1-E-S01-001	Branch- Inside Room 103, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	34.8	AA
52570-1-E-S01-002	Branch- Inside Room 103, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	23.8	AA
52570-1-E-S01-003	Branch- Inside Room 103, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	12.2	BA
52570-1-E-S01-004	Branch- Inside Room 103, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	8.15	BA
52570-1-E-S01-005	Branch- Inside Room 103, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	7.14	BA
52570-1-E-S02-001	Branch- Inside Room 102, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	17.4	AA
52570-1-E-S02-002	Branch- Inside Room 102, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	7.54	BA
52570-1-E-S02-003	Branch- Inside Room 102, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	5.68	BA
52570-1-E-S02-004	Branch- Inside Room 102, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.238	BA
52570-1-E-S02-005	Branch- Inside Room 102, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	3.64	BA
52570-1-W-F03-001	Branch- Outside Room 102, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.57	BA
52570-1-W-F03-002	Branch- Outside Room 102, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.268	BA
52570-1-W-F03-003	Branch- Outside Room 102, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.243	BA
52570-1-W-F03-004	Branch- Outside Room 102, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.235	BA
52570-1-W-F03-005	Branch- Outside Room 102, Fountain	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.221	BA
52570-1-W-S04-001	Branch- Inside Room 101, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	99.5	AA
52570-1-W-S04-002	Branch- Inside Room 101, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	129	AA
52570-1-W-S04-003	Branch- Inside Room 101, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	54.5	AA
52570-1-W-S04-004	Branch- Inside Room 101, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	9.56	BA
52570-1-W-S04-005	Branch- Inside Room 101, Sink	6/11/16 5:00 AM	18.5	AA
52570-2-E-F01-001	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.15	BA
52570-2-E-F01-002	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.208	BA
52570-2-E-F01-003	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.356	BA
52570-2-E-F01-004	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.347	BA
52570-2-E-F01-005	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.394	BA
51035-1-E-F01-001	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.477	BA
51035-1-E-F01-002	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.348	BA
51035-1-E-F01-003	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.403	BA
51035-1-E-F01-004	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.311	BA
51035-1-E-F01-005	Main- Across From Cafeteria (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.323	BA
51035-1-W-F02-001	Main- Across From Cafeteria (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.38	BA
51035-1-W-F02-002	Main- Across From Cafeteria (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.306	BA
51035-1-W-F02-003	Main- Across From Cafeteria (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.424	BA
51035-1-W-F02-004	Main- Across From Cafeteria (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.289	BA
51035-1-W-F02-005	Main- Across From Cafeteria (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.68	BA
51035-1-N-F03-001	Main- Across From Room 103 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.468	BA
51035-1-N-F03-002	Main- Across From Room 103 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.583	BA
51035-1-N-F03-003	Main- Across From Room 103 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.531	BA
51035-1-N-F03-004	Main- Across From Room 103 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.325	BA
51035-1-N-F03-005	Main- Across From Room 103 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.442	BA
51035-1-S-F04-001	Main- Across From Room 103 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.438	BA
51035-1-S-F04-002	Main- Across From Room 103 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.37	BA
51035-1-S-F04-003	Main- Across From Room 103 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.342	BA
51035-1-S-F04-004	Main- Across From Room 103 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.320	BA
51035-1-S-F04-005	Main- Across From Room 103 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.334	BA
51035-1-N-S06-001	Main- Kitchen (North), Sink 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.14	BA
51035-1-N-S06-002	Main- Kitchen (North), Sink 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.29	BA
51035-1-N-S06-003	Main- Kitchen (North), Sink 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.206	BA
51035-1-N-S06-004	Main- Kitchen (North), Sink 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.153	BA
51035-1-N-S06-005	Main- Kitchen (North), Sink 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.13	BA
51035-1-N-S06-001	Main- Kitchen (South), Sink 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.3	BA
51035-1-N-S06-002	Main- Kitchen (South), Sink 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.226	BA
51035-1-N-S06-003	Main- Kitchen (South), Sink 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.48	BA
51035-1-N-S06-004	Main- Kitchen (South), Sink 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.13	BA
51035-1-N-S06-005	Main- Kitchen (South), Sink 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
51035-2-E-F01-001	Main- Across From Room 212 (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.686	BA
51035-2-E-F01-002	Main- Across From Room 212 (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.508	BA
51035-2-E-F01-003	Main- Across From Room 212 (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.43	BA
51035-2-E-F01-004	Main- Across From Room 212 (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.358	BA
51035-2-E-F01-005	Main- Across From Room 212 (East), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.34	BA
51035-2-W-F02-001	Main- Across From Room 212 (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.18	BA
51035-2-W-F02-002	Main- Across From Room 212 (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.361	BA
51035-2-W-F02-003	Main- Across From Room 212 (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.331	BA
51035-2-W-F02-004	Main- Across From Room 212 (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.335	BA
51035-2-W-F02-005	Main- Across From Room 212 (West), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.327	BA
51035-2-N-F03-001	Main- Across From Room 207 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.664	BA
51035-2-N-F03-002	Main- Across From Room 207 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.604	BA
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51035-2-N-F03-004	Main- Across From Room 207 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.69	BA
51035-2-N-F03-005	Main- Across From Room 207 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.773	BA
51035-2-N-F04-001	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.594	BA
51035-2-N-F04-002	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.496	BA
51035-2-N-F04-003	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.453	BA
51035-2-N-F04-004	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.459	BA
51035-2-N-F04-005	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.459	BA
51035-2-S-F05-001	Main- Across From Room 303 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.11	BA
51035-2-S-F05-002	Main- Across From Room 303 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.936	BA
51035-2-S-F05-003	Main- Across From Room 303 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.763	BA
51035-2-S-F05-004	Main- Across From Room 303 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.73	BA
51035-2-S-F05-005	Main- Across From Room 303 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.723	BA
51035-2-S-F06-001	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	1.11	BA
51035-2-S-F06-002	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.85	BA
51035-2-S-F06-003	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.67	BA
51035-2-S-F06-004	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.58	BA
51035-2-S-F06-005	Main- Across From Room 203 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.538	BA
51035-3-N-F01-001	Main- Across From Room 305 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.809	BA
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51035-3-N-F01-004	Main- Across From Room 305 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.725	BA
51035-3-N-F01-005	Main- Across From Room 305 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.682	BA
51035-3-N-F02-001	Main- Across From Room 305 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.593	BA
51035-3-N-F02-002	Main- Across From Room 305 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.498	BA
51035-3-N-F02-003	Main- Across From Room 305 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.51	BA
51035-3-N-F02-004	Main- Across From Room 305 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.562	BA
51035-3-N-F02-005	Main- Across From Room 305 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.455	BA
51035-3-S-F03-001	Main- Across From Room 300 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.722	BA
51035-3-S-F03-002	Main- Across From Room 300 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.742	BA
51035-3-S-F03-003	Main- Across From Room 300 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.734	BA
51035-3-S-F03-004	Main- Across From Room 300 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.587	BA
51035-3-S-F03-005	Main- Across From Room 300 (North), Fountain 1	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.565	BA
51035-3-S-F04-001	Main- Across From Room 300 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.81	BA
51035-3-S-F04-002	Main- Across From Room 300 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.622	BA
51035-3-S-F04-003	Main- Across From Room 300 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.574	BA
51035-3-S-F04-004	Main- Across From Room 300 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.526	BA
51035-3-S-F04-005	Main- Across From Room 300 (South), Fountain 2	6/11/16 5:00 AM	0.485	BA
53501-1-S-F01-001	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (North), Fountain 1	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F01-002	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (North), Fountain 1	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F01-003	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (North), Fountain 1	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F01-004	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (North), Fountain 1	6/16/16 5:00 AM	0.14	BA
53501-1-S-F01-005	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (North), Fountain 1	6/16/16 5:00 AM	0.187	BA
53501-1-S-F02-001	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (South), Fountain 2	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F02-002	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (South), Fountain 2	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F02-003	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (South), Fountain 2	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F02-004	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (South), Fountain 2	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
53501-1-S-F02-005	Annex- Across From Electrical Room (South), Fountain 2	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
51035-1-N-S01-001	Annex- Inside Room 104, Sink	6/16/16 5:00 AM	0.128	BA
51035-1-N-S01-002	Annex- Inside Room 104, Sink	6/16/16 5:00 AM	0.131	BA
51035-1-N-S01-003	Annex- Inside Room 104, Sink	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
51035-1-N-S01-004	Annex- Inside Room 104, Sink	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND
51035-1-N-S01-005	Annex- Inside Room 104, Sink	6/16/16 5:00 AM	< 0.120	ND

EPA ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD IS 15 ppb or 15 µg/L

SREADSHEET LEGEND

ND-Not Detected at the Reporting Limit
BA-Below EPA Action Level of 15 ppb
AA-Above EPA Action Level