



October 7, 2016

Dear McNair 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 McNair samples were tested from 20 sites and the water sampled from a kitchen sink on the first floor and a drinking fountain on the first floor inside Room 102 were above the action level of 15 ppb. The water from the sink and fountain 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 two of the samples at McNair returned with elevated results – the issue is not system-wide, but is specific to the fixtures or pipes for that sink and fountain, 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



7 de octubre de 2016

Estimadas familias de la escuela McNair,

Ante recientes eventos nacionales que han aumentado la atención sobre el tema de la calidad del agua, la ciudad de Chicago anunció varias medidas de precaución adicionales que se sumarán al protocolo de la ciudad sobre control del agua, en cumplimiento de las regulaciones estatales y federales, así como de los estándares industriales

Como parte de este anuncio, las Escuelas Públicas de Chicago (CPS) comenzaron a examinar los niveles de plomo en el agua de las escuelas de todo el distrito. Nuestra prioridad máxima es la salud y seguridad de los estudiantes y del personal, y estas pruebas se iniciaron como precaución para estar seguros de la calidad del agua de las escuelas. Las pruebas se realizan según un criterio de prioridad que incluye la edad del edificio, edad de los estudiantes (con prioridad para las escuelas con programas de preescolares), la presencia de una cocina (donde se preparan alimentos) y de cañerías que puedan necesitar reparación o reemplazo.

Los resultados de todas las escuelas se han ido conociendo, y la mayoría registró niveles por debajo del nivel de acción de EPA que es de 15 partículas por billón (ppb). En McNair se tomaron muestras en 20 lugares y el agua de una piletta en la cocina del primer piso, y de un bebedero del primer piso, en el salón 102, tenía rastros de plomo por encima del nivel de acción de 15 ppb. El suministro de agua de esos dispositivos 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, 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 dos de las muestras de McNair registraron niveles elevados. Este no es problema general, sino específico de las cañerías de esos dispositivos, y será solucionado. Los resultados completos 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 Short Name **McNair**
Date of test 09/28/16

Sample ID #	Sample Location	Sample Collection Time & Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
51105-1-KIT-KS01-001	Kitchen East Sink	6:10AM	0.51	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS01-002	Kitchen East Sink	6:10AM	0.22	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS01-003	Kitchen East Sink	6:10AM	0.22	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS01-004	Kitchen East Sink	6:10AM	0.27	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS01-005	Kitchen East Sink	6:10AM	0.41	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS02-001	Kitchen West Sink	6:15AM	24	AA
51105-1-KIT-KS02-002	Kitchen West Sink	6:15AM	43	AA
51105-1-KIT-KS02-003	Kitchen West Sink	6:15AM	7.1	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS02-004	Kitchen West Sink	6:15AM	3.6	BA
51105-1-KIT-KS02-005	Kitchen West Sink	6:15AM	5.3	BA
51105-1-HAL-F01-001	1st FL Hall East End	6:20AM	0.97	BA
51105-1-HAL-F01-002	1st FL Hall East End	6:20AM	<0.30	BA
51105-1-HAL-F01-003	1st FL Hall East End	6:20AM	0.41	BA
51105-1-HAL-F01-004	1st FL Hall East End	6:20AM	0.32	BA
51105-1-HAL-F01-005	1st FL Hall East End	6:20AM	0.3	BA
51105-1-102-F01-001	RM 102	6:24AM	18	AA
51105-1-102-F01-002	RM 102	6:24AM	4.8	BA
51105-1-102-F01-003	RM 102	6:24AM	3.1	BA
51105-1-102-F01-004	RM 102	6:24AM	1.6	BA
51105-1-102-F01-005	RM 102	6:24AM	1.4	BA
51105-1-106-F01-001	RM 106	6:27AM	0.078	BA
51105-1-106-F01-002	RM 106	6:27AM	0.094	BA
51105-1-106-F01-003	RM 106	6:27AM	0.071	BA

51105-1-106-F01-004	RM 106	6:27AM	0.096	BA
51105-1-106-F01-005	RM 106	6:27AM	0.14	BA
51105-1-110-F01-001	RM 110	6:31AM	6.4	BA
51105-1-110-F01-002	RM 110	6:31AM	2.5	BA
51105-1-110-F01-003	RM 110	6:31AM	1.9	BA
51105-1-110-F01-004	RM 110	6:31AM	1.8	BA
51105-1-110-F01-005	RM 110	6:31AM	2	BA
51105-1-112-F01-001	RM 112	6:40AM	2.4	BA
51105-1-112-F01-002	RM 112	6:40AM	3.4	BA
51105-1-112-F01-003	RM 112	6:40AM	3.7	BA
51105-1-112-F01-004	RM 112	6:40AM	4.6	BA
51105-1-112-F01-005	RM 112	6:40AM	3.4	BA
51105-1-122-F01-001	RM 122	6:42AM	6.5	BA
51105-1-122-F01-002	RM 122	6:42AM	1.7	BA
51105-1-122-F01-003	RM 122	6:42AM	0.32	BA
51105-1-122-F01-004	RM 122	6:42AM	0.41	BA
51105-1-122-F01-005	RM 122	6:42AM	0.29	BA
51105-1-126-F01-001	RM 126	6:47AM	1.2	BA
51105-1-126-F01-002	RM 126	6:47AM	0.65	BA
51105-1-126-F01-003	RM 126	6:47AM	0.63	BA
51105-1-126-F01-004	RM 126	6:47AM	0.64	BA
51105-1-126-F01-005	RM 126	6:47AM	0.74	BA
51105-1-134-F01-001	RM 134	6:50AM	4.1	BA
51105-1-134-F01-002	RM 134	6:50AM	2.2	BA
51105-1-134-F01-003	RM 134	6:50AM	1.9	BA
51105-1-134-F01-004	RM 134	6:50AM	4.7	BA
51105-1-134-F01-005	RM 134	6:50AM	6	BA
51105-1-HAL-F02-001	1ST FL HALL Right Fountain	6:55AM	0.45	BA
51105-1-HAL-F02-002	1ST FL HALL Right Fountain	6:55AM	0.68	BA
51105-1-HAL-F02-003	1ST FL HALL Right Fountain	6:55AM	0.8	BA

51105-1-HAL-F02-004	1ST FL HALL Right Fountain	6:55AM	0.75	BA
51105-1-HAL-F02-005	1ST FL HALL Right Fountain	6:55AM	0.66	BA
51105-1-HAL-F03-001	1ST FL HALL Left Fountain	7:10AM	0.25	BA
51105-1-HAL-F03-002	1ST FL HALL Left Fountain	7:10AM	0.44	BA
51105-1-HAL-F03-003	1ST FL HALL Left Fountain	7:10AM	0.73	BA
51105-1-HAL-F03-004	1ST FL HALL Left Fountain	7:10AM	0.71	BA
51105-1-HAL-F03-005	1ST FL HALL Left Fountain	7:10AM	0.74	BA
51105-2-HAL-F01-001	2nd FL Hall East Emd	7:15AM	1.3	BA
51105-2-HAL-F01-002	2nd FL Hall East Emd	7:15AM	0.91	BA
51105-2-HAL-F01-003	2nd FL Hall East Emd	7:15AM	1.6	BA
51105-2-HAL-F01-004	2nd FL Hall East Emd	7:15AM	1.2	BA
51105-2-HAL-F01-005	2nd FL Hall East Emd	7:15AM	1.5	BA
51105-2-HAL-F02-001	2nd FL Hall Rigt Fountain	7:18AM	0.42	BA
51105-2-HAL-F02-002	2nd FL Hall Rigt Fountain	7:18AM	0.73	BA
51105-2-HAL-F02-003	2nd FL Hall Rigt Fountain	7:18AM	0.63	BA
51105-2-HAL-F02-004	2nd FL Hall Rigt Fountain	7:18AM	0.72	BA
51105-2-HAL-F02-005	2nd FL Hall Rigt Fountain	7:18AM	0.77	BA
51105-2-HAL-F03-001	2nd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:25AM	0.65	BA
51105-2-HAL-F03-002	2nd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:25AM	0.98	BA
51105-2-HAL-F03-003	2nd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:25AM	0.82	BA
51105-2-HAL-F03-004	2nd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:25AM	0.87	BA
51105-2-HAL-F03-005	2nd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:25AM	0.88	BA
51105-3-HAL-F01-001	3rd FL Hall East End	7:33AM	7.5	BA
51105-3-HAL-F01-002	3rd FL Hall East End	7:33AM	5.8	BA
51105-3-HAL-F01-003	3rd FL Hall East End	7:33AM	7.7	BA
51105-3-HAL-F01-004	3rd FL Hall East End	7:33AM	8.1	BA
51105-3-HAL-F01-005	3rd FL Hall East End	7:33AM	7.3	BA
51105-3-HAL-F02-001	3rd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:36AM	12	BA
51105-3-HAL-F02-002	3rd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:36AM	13	BA
51105-3-HAL-F02-003	3rd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:36AM	10	BA

51105-3-HAL-F02-004	3rd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:36AM	11	BA
51105-3-HAL-F02-005	3rd FL Hall Left Fountain	7:36AM	8.8	BA
51105-3-HAL-F03-001	3rd FL Hall Right Fountain	7:40AM	6.7	BA
51105-3-HAL-F03-002	3rd FL Hall Right Fountain	7:40AM	7	BA
51105-3-HAL-F03-003	3rd FL Hall Right Fountain	7:40AM	8.6	BA
51105-3-HAL-F03-004	3rd FL Hall Right Fountain	7:40AM	8.2	BA
51105-3-HAL-F03-005	3rd FL Hall Right Fountain	7:40AM	13	BA
51105-1-OFF-S01-001	Main Office	7:48AM	0.44	BA
51105-1-OFF-S01-002	Main Office	7:48AM	0.21	BA
51105-1-OFF-S01-003	Main Office	7:48AM	0.26	BA
51105-1-OFF-S01-004	Main Office	7:48AM	0.31	BA
51105-1-OFF-S01-005	Main Office	7:48AM	0.58	BA
51105-1-133-S01-001	RM 133 Teacher's Lounge	7:52AM	0.47	BA
51105-1-133-S01-002	RM 133 Teacher's Lounge	7:52AM	0.22	BA
51105-1-133-S01-003	RM 133 Teacher's Lounge	7:52AM	0.27	BA
51105-1-133-S01-004	RM 133 Teacher's Lounge	7:52AM	0.21	BA
51105-1-133-S01-005	RM 133 Teacher's Lounge	7:52AM	0.26	BA

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

SPREADSHEET LEGEND

ND-Not Detected at the Reporting Limit

BA-Below EPA Action Level of 15 ppb

AA-Above EPA Action Level

Chicago Public Schools - Department of Facility Operations