



June 29, 2016

Dear Smyth 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 Smyth samples were tested from 14 sites and the water sampled from one sink was above the action level of 15 ppb: A sink in the basement read at 22.9, 22.6, and 19.3 ppb. The water from the sink has 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 one of the samples at Smyth returned with elevated results – the issue is not system-wide, but is specific to the fixtures or pipes for that sink 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



29 de junio de 2016

Estimadas familias de la escuela Smyth,

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 Smyth se tomaron muestras en 14 lugares y el agua de una pileta tenía rastros de plomo por encima del nivel de acción de 15 ppb: una pileta del sótano registró 22.9, 22.6 y 19.3 ppb. El suministro de agua de la pileta 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 una de las muestras de Smyth registró un nivel elevado, un tema que no es general sino específico de la cañería de la pileta, 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 Short Name **Smyth**

Sample ID #	Sample Location	Water Last Used (Time & Date)	Sample Collection Time & Date	Test Result (ppb)	Test Results
51250-B-E-S01-001	Basement Kitchen North Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.675	BA
51250-B-E-S01-002	Basement Kitchen North Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.445	BA
51250-B-E-S01-003	Basement Kitchen North Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.458	BA
51250-B-E-S01-004	Basement Kitchen North Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.467	BA
51250-B-E-S01-005	Basement Kitchen North Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.48	BA
51250-B-E-S02-001	Basement Kitchen South Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	7.81	BA
51250-B-E-S02-002	Basement Kitchen South Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	22.6	AA
51250-B-E-S02-003	Basement Kitchen South Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	22.9	AA
51250-B-E-S02-004	Basement Kitchen South Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	19.3	AA
51250-B-E-S02-005	Basement Kitchen South Sink	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	11.4	BA
51250-B-W-F03-001	Basement Lunchroom N. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.383	BA
51250-B-W-F03-002	Basement Lunchroom N. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.532	BA
51250-B-W-F03-003	Basement Lunchroom N. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.526	BA
51250-B-W-F03-004	Basement Lunchroom N. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.531	BA
51250-B-W-F03-005	Basement Lunchroom N. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.538	BA
51250-B-W-F05-001	Basement Lunchroom S. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.227	BA
51250-B-W-F05-002	Basement Lunchroom S. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.222	BA
51250-B-W-F05-003	Basement Lunchroom S. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.51	BA
51250-B-W-F05-004	Basement Lunchroom S. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.701	BA
51250-B-W-F05-005	Basement Lunchroom S. Fountain	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.598	BA
51250-1-E-F01-001	Fountain by room 123	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.523	BA
51250-1-E-F01-002	Fountain by room 123	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.768	BA
51250-1-E-F01-003	Fountain by room 123	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.749	BA
51250-1-E-F01-004	Fountain by room 123	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.759	BA
51250-1-E-F01-005	Fountain by room 123	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.738	BA
51250-1-W-F02-001	Fountain by room 111	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.362	BA
51250-1-W-F02-002	Fountain by room 111	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.468	BA
51250-1-W-F02-003	Fountain by room 111	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.355	BA
51250-1-W-F02-004	Fountain by room 111	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.819	BA
51250-1-W-F02-005	Fountain by room 111	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.356	BA
51250-1-E-F03-001	Fountain Across from room 109	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.35	BA
51250-1-E-F03-002	Fountain Across from room 109	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.95	BA
51250-1-E-F03-003	Fountain Across from room 109	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.88	BA
51250-1-E-F03-004	Fountain Across from room 109	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.88	BA
51250-1-E-F03-005	Fountain Across from room 109	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.69	BA
51250-1-E-F04-001	Fountain Across from room 104	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.44	BA
51250-1-E-F04-002	Fountain Across from room 104	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	<0.120	ND
51250-1-E-F04-003	Fountain Across from room 104	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	<0.120	ND
51250-1-E-F04-004	Fountain Across from room 104	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	<0.120	ND
51250-1-E-F04-005	Fountain Across from room 104	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	<0.120	ND
51250-2-E-F01-001	Fountain By room 223	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.886	BA
51250-2-E-F01-002	Fountain By room 223	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.765	BA
51250-2-E-F01-003	Fountain By room 223	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.729	BA
51250-2-E-F01-004	Fountain By room 223	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.754	BA
51250-2-E-F01-005	Fountain By room 223	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.736	BA
51250-2-W-F02-001	Fountain By room 213	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.843	BA
51250-2-W-F02-002	Fountain By room 213	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.516	BA
51250-2-W-F02-003	Fountain By room 213	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.498	BA
51250-2-W-F02-004	Fountain By room 213	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.397	BA
51250-2-W-F02-005	Fountain By room 213	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.503	BA
51250-2-E-F03-001	Fountain Across from room 204	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.31	BA
51250-2-E-F03-002	Fountain Across from room 204	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.47	BA
51250-2-E-F03-003	Fountain Across from room 204	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.23	BA
51250-2-E-F03-004	Fountain Across from room 204	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.1	BA
51250-2-E-F03-005	Fountain Across from room 204	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.08	BA
51250-2-E-F04-001	Fountain Across from room 209	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.01	BA
51250-2-E-F04-002	Fountain Across from room 209	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.69	BA
51250-2-E-F04-003	Fountain Across from room 209	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.84	BA
51250-2-E-F04-004	Fountain Across from room 209	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	3.45	BA
51250-2-E-F04-005	Fountain Across from room 209	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	4.9	BA
51250-3-E-F01-001	Fountain By room 321	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.02	BA
51250-3-E-F01-002	Fountain By room 321	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.04	BA
51250-3-E-F01-003	Fountain By room 321	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	2.36	BA
51250-3-E-F01-004	Fountain By room 321	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.73	BA
51250-3-E-F01-005	Fountain By room 321	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	1.45	BA
51250-3-E-F02-001	Fountain By room 313	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.785	BA
51250-3-E-F02-002	Fountain By room 313	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.901	BA
51250-3-E-F02-003	Fountain By room 313	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.657	BA
51250-3-E-F02-004	Fountain By room 313	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.714	BA
51250-3-E-F02-005	Fountain By room 313	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM	0.723	BA
51250-1-S-S01-001	Sink, Room 100 South wall Pre- k	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-S-S01-002	Sink, Room 100 South wall Pre- k	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-S-S01-003	Sink, Room 100 South wall Pre- k	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
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51250-1-S-S01-005	Sink, Room 100 South wall Pre- k	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
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51250-1-N-S02-003	Sink, Room 104 North Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-N-S02-004	Sink, Room 104 North Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-N-S02-005	Sink, Room 104 North Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
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51250-1-W-S03-002	Sink, 101 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-W-S03-003	Sink, 101 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
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51250-1-W-S03-005	Sink, 101 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-S-S04-001	Sink 103 South Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-S-S04-002	Sink 103 South Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-S-S04-003	Sink 103 South Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
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51250-1-S-S04-005	Sink 103 South Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-W-S05-001	Sink 106 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-W-S05-002	Sink 106 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-W-S05-003	Sink 106 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-W-S05-004	Sink 106 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-W-S05-005	Sink 106 West Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S06-001	Sink, Room 107 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S06-002	Sink, Room 107 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S06-003	Sink, Room 107 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S06-004	Sink, Room 107 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S06-005	Sink, Room 107 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S07-001	Sink, Room 109 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S07-002	Sink, Room 109 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S07-003	Sink, Room 109 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S07-004	Sink, Room 109 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		
51250-1-E-S07-005	Sink, Room 109 East Wall	6/5/16 4:00 PM	6/6/16 5:00 AM		

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