

School and Child Care Drinking Water Program

Resources for Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities



The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) manages the Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Program. This School Drinking Water Program provides resources and tools to reduce childhood exposure to lead in drinking water at qualified schools and child care facilities.

The EGLE team will do the following at no cost to the facility:

- Conduct a building walkthrough to assess lead risks in drinking water
- Assist with the Michigan Filter First drinking water management plan
- Develop a sampling plan for consumptive fixtures
- Collect samples and test the water for lead
- Provide training and guidance to reduce the risk of lead exposure
- Provide available grant funds for a lead reduction action plan as needed

Participation Requirements

1. The facility must meet the eligibility requirements, which are based on lead exposure risk to children and financial status. Contact EGLE-DWEHD-SchoolWater@Michigan.gov with the name and address of the school or child care building to determine eligibility. A child care should also include their license number.
2. The facility must agree to follow the administrator responsibilities that are outlined in the School or Child Care Administrator Responsibilities for the Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Program guidance document.
3. The facility must be able and willing to utilize the EGLE on-line electronic database. EGLE will send information on the database once the facility is accepted into the program:

Lead Testing Program Steps:

1. The EGLE contractor will contact the primary contact to schedule a site visit to conduct a plumbing assessment and fixture inventory. The facility will be asked to submit a floor plan and other documents as needed. A person with access to all rooms must be available to assist the contractor.
2. Upon completion of the assessment, the EGLE Lead Testing program sample collectors will contact the primary contact to schedule the sampling event. A person with access to all rooms must be available to assist.
3. The samples will be delivered to the EGLE Drinking Water Laboratory for testing.
4. The EGLE Lead Testing program manager will receive the test results and contact the primary contact when the results are available.
5. The facility must use the EGLE notification template to inform the school or child care families and staff that the results are available and submit a copy of that notice to EGLE.
6. The facility is required to take appropriate actions for fixtures that detect lead.

If you have questions, please contact EGLE at EGLE-DWEHD-SchoolWater@Michigan.gov.

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