



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Operations Division

Office of Environmental Management and Services
440 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130
215-400-4750

November, 2021

Dear **George Washington High School** Community,

As part of the School District of Philadelphia's effort to provide students and staff with safe, accessible, and appealing drinking water, your school's water was tested for lead on **October 22, 2021**. A trained technician collected samples from water outlets and the samples were sent to an accredited Pennsylvania laboratory for analysis. The action level used by the District is 10 parts per billion (ppb) of lead. If water exceeded this action level, the drinking water outlet was shut-off immediately and an action plan developed.

Federal studies indicate that children under the age of six are at the highest risk for harmful lead exposure, and children 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 Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) recommends contacting your pediatrician or neighborhood Health Center for testing. Additionally, PDPH'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 (215) 685-2788. For additional information about lead and children you can visit www.cdc.gov/lead.

There were **58** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **42** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **16** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold and these outlets were immediately shut-off. In the event that an outlet was inaccessible for testing during this initial sampling event, the outlet will remain off until the outlet can be sampled. These results will be included in the final letters.

An action plan is being developed to determine the best way to address the outlet(s) that was shut-off (if applicable to your school), including replacing the outlet with a new hydration station or, if the outlet is not needed because another outlet is available nearby, the outlet may be permanently removed from the school. Once a decision is made, the Maintenance Department will perform the new installation or remove the existing outlet.

The School District will test the drinking water at your school every five years and share the results through a letter and also post the results on the District's website. If you wish to review the results from your school and for more information, you may visit the District's website at: www.philasd.org/waterresults.

Sincerely,

Steve Link
Environmental Director



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Sample Date	Floor	Outlet Number	Outlet Type	Outlet Description	Lead Result (ppb)	PQL	Action Limits
10/22/2021	00	01	IM	In kitchen left wall	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	02	FT	In kitchen left wall	2.9	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	03	FT	In kitchen back wall left	3.7	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	04	FT	In kitchen back wall right	3.2	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	05	FT	In kitchen right wall near office	1.4	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	06	FT	Outside kitchen left on food prep table	14	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	07	FT	Outside kitchen center on food prep table	4.5	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	08	FT	Outside kitchen right on food prep table	3.1	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	09	WF	In cafe hall wall far left left	23	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	11	WF	In cafe hall wall left left	4.5	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	12	WF	In cafe hall wall left right	6	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	13	WF	In cafe hall wall right left	1.9	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	14	WF	In cafe hall wall right right	2.7	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	15	WF	In cafe hall wall far right left	53	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	16	WF	In cafe hall wall far right right	5	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	17	WF	Outside cafe right near stair 6 left	80	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	18	WF	Outside cafe right near Stair 6 right	72	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	19	WF	outside cafe right and stair 5	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	20	WF	Outside cafe left near stair 8	17	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	21	WF	Outside cafe left near stair 7 left	3.3	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	25	WF	Outside faculty BRs	97	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	26	WF	Outside stair 1 left	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	27	WF	Outside stair 1 right	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	28	WF	Outside generator RM	19	1	AA
10/22/2021	00	29	FT	In kitchen left food prep island	2.2	1	BA
10/22/2021	00	70	FT	In RM 016 special Ed	<1	1	BA



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10/22/2021	01	31	WF	Across from RM 136	19	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	35	WF	In hall outside gym and stair 5 left	20	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	36	WF	In hall outside gym and stair 5 right	11	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	37	WF	In gym back wall far left	1.4	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	42	FT	In RM 153 cafe	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	43	FT	In RM 155 kitchen near left windows	2.3	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	44	FT	In RM 155 kitchen near right windows	1.4	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	45	FT	In RM 155 kitchen near fridge hall wall	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	46	HS	Next to elevator and faculty BR	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	47	WF	Outside counselors office left	1.6	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	48	WF	Outside counselors office right	1.6	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	49	WF	Outside RM 118 left	32	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	50	WF	Outside RM 118 right	32	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	53	FT	In RM 156 special ed	1.7	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	54	FT	In RM 156 BR left sink special Ed	5.3	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	55	FT	In RM 156 BR right sink special Ed	3.9	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	56	FT	In RM 158 special Ed BR	5.6	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	57	FT	In RM 158 special Ed kitchen	1.5	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	58	WF	Btw RM 162 & 164	7.8	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	59	FT	In RM 102 special Ed	5.5	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	60	FT	In RM 104 nurses office BR left	9.1	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	61	FT	In RM 104 nurses office main	26	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	62	FT	In RM 104 nurses exam RM BR	3.1	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	63	FT	In RM 104 nurses office hall	10	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	64	FT	In RM 104 nurses extra side RM	24	1	AA
10/22/2021	01	65	WF	Outside main office and ticket office	3.6	1	BA



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10/22/2021	01	66	FT	In RM 131 special needs left	1.6	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	67	FT	In RM 131 special needs center	<1	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	68	FT	In RM 131 special needs right	1.6	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	69	FT	In RM 154 culinary prep	2.2	1	BA
10/22/2021	01	73	HS	Outside RM 156	<1	1	BA

Notes:

AA = Above Action limit of 10 ppb

BA = Below Action limit of 10 ppb

MDL = Method Detection Limit

PQL = Practical Quantitation Limit

J = Result estimated below the PQL

< = not detected above PQL

ppb = parts per billion

Outlet Types:

WF = Water Fountain/Bubbler

HS = Hydration Station/Bottle Filling Station

FT = Faucet/Tap

FP = Food Prep/Pot-Filler/Kitchen Kettle

IM = Ice-Maker