

Notice: Norwood Public Schools has received results for lead drinking water testing

In June, Governor Polis signed into law Colorado House Bill 22-1358: Clean Water in Schools and Child Care Centers. This bill requires all licensed child care programs and public schools to test their drinking water for lead and take action when results show levels of lead at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb). The goal of this law is to lower children's exposure to lead. To meet these requirements, Norwood Public Schools has tested for lead at all water fixtures used for drinking and cooking.

Lead is a toxic metal that is [especially harmful to young children](#). The degree of risk depends on the child's total exposure to lead from all environmental sources – air, soil, dust, food, paint, consumer products, and water. Typically old or corroded lead plumbing or old brass fixtures can contribute to increased lead levels in drinking water. If you are concerned about your child's exposure you can have their blood tested. Please contact your health provider to learn more about testing your child's blood for lead. For more information please visit: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/lead-testing>.

Schools/child care facilities that have lead results in drinking water above 5 parts per billion (ppb) must take action to reduce exposure to lead. When lead is found at or above 5 ppb, the fixture is shut off while a more long-term solution is underway. These solutions may include permanently removing the fixture from service, designating a fixture as “not for drinking”, replacing drinking water faucets or fountains, or installing filters. For the fixtures where lead is found below 5 ppb, we will follow routine practices to further lower potential exposure.

Results Summary:

- 42 Fixtures were tested
- 32 Fixtures had lead results that tested below 5 ppb - no further action is required
- 10 Fixtures had lead results that tested at or above 5 ppb - we removed access for drinking at these fixtures. Long-term permanent fixes are planned for these locations.

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You can view the detailed sample results and remediation plans at the following link: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/environment/lead-safety/test-and-fix-water-for-kids>. Results may take up to 30 days to be posted on this webpage. Protecting the health and wellbeing of Colorado's children is our top priority, and we will keep you updated during the process at Norwood Public Schools. If you have questions or concerns about our facility and the actions we are taking, please contact Frank Golaszewski at frank.golaszewski@norwoodk12.org.

In accordance with state requirements, the below faucets indicated cause for action. ***While the EPA has listed the action level for lead in water delivered to users of public drinking water systems to 15ug/L (cdc.gov), the state’s requirements of 5 ppb, require us to take corrective action for the areas shown below, and in the report found online.***

WQCDID	Name	Results Received	Sample Date	Location ID	Location Description	Lead Results (ppb)
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 1, 2023	017I	HS Girls bathroom	6.1
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	022I	HS Science lab	7
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	026I	Wrestling Bldg Boys bathroom	10
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	027I	Wrestling Bldg Girls bathroom	9.8
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	030I	HS Gym Girls locker	9.3
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	032I	HS Ice machine	6.3
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	033I	concessions kitchen	7.9
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	034I	Playground boys bathroom	11
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	035I	Playground Girls bathroom	12
SCH0006422	Norwood Public Schools	Feb 15, 2023	Feb 3, 2023	042I	prime time kitchen faucet	12

Immediately, signage has been posted at each of these sinks, reminding users that these faucets are safe for handwashing, but that water from them should not be consumed. We have been in contact with state agencies already, and are working to put corrective filters or replacements in locations as needed. After corrective actions have been completed, water samples will be collected and tested once more.

Thank you,

Norwood School Administration