

Windham School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that Windham Center School recently completed testing for lead in drinking water. This is part of an ongoing effort related to New Hampshire's House Bill 1421, which requires school and childcare facilities to test for lead in drinking water and to act when lead is found at levels at or above 5 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that has a range of adverse health effects if inhaled or swallowed. Lead rarely occurs naturally in New Hampshire's drinking water sources (groundwater or surface water) and typically enters drinking water due to the wearing away of piping, faucets, fixtures and other plumbing materials.

Because lead is tasteless, odorless and colorless in drinking water, testing is the only way to learn whether lead is present. It is important to sample each faucet or water fountain that is used for drinking or food prep because test results can vary between locations.

During recent testing, we collected samples from 52 drinking water outlets (e.g., drinking fountains, classroom faucets, kitchen sinks), with 30 samples testing at or above 5 ppb, the level where action must be taken.

We have removed access to these outlets until the problem can be corrected. The table below shows a list of all of the tested outlets, their locations, sample results and our planned remediation.

Outlet Number	Location	Sample Result (ppb)	Planned Remediation
10	Kitchen	11.4	Hand Wash Only
11	Kitchen	35.3	Hand Wash Only
14 15 17	Rm 123	17.8	Hand Wash Only
	Rm 123	26.6	Hand Wash Only
	Rm 124	13.0	Hand Wash Only
18	Rm 125	17.3	Hand Wash Only
19	Rm 126	15.2	Hand Wash Only
20	Rm 127	34.7	Hand Wash Only
21	Rm 128	23.3	Hand Wash Only
22	Rm 129	41.4	Hand Wash Only
23	Rm 130	26.6	Hand Wash Only
24	Rm 131	23.7	Hand Wash Only



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25	Rm 132	9.18	Hand Wash Only
26	Rm 133	7.80	Hand Wash Only
30	Rm 139	267	Hand Wash Only
33	Rm 140	32.	Hand Wash Only
34	Rm 141	26.7	Hand Wash Only
35	Rm 142	37.6	Hand Wash Only
36	Rm 143	24.2	Hand Wash Only
37	Rm 144	37.4	Hand Wash Only
38	Rm 145	411	Hand Wash Only
39	Rm 201	68.5	Hand Wash Only
40	Rm 202	45.9	Hand Wash Only
46	Rm 205	13.3	Hand Wash Only
47	Rm 204	57.1	Hand Wash Only
48	Rm 203	69.2	Hand Wash Only
49	Rm 206	39.1	Hand Wash Only
50	Rm 207	30.9	Hand Wash Only
51	Rm 208	31.6	Hand Wash Only
52	Rm 209	40.9	Hand Wash Only

All sample results and additional resources from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) can be viewed at <u>gettheleadoutnh.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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