

Testing for Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

REMEDIAL ACTIONS TAKEN FOR DRINKING WATER OUTLETS HAVING ELEVATED LEAD WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S) ***[Westmar Middle School]***

All Maryland public and nonpublic schools (Pre-K through Grade 12) receiving water from a public water utility are required to periodically test all drinking water outlets for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 26.16.07). Under COMAR 26.16.07, if elevated levels of lead are found in any drinking water outlet(s), schools are required to close access to these outlets until remedial actions have been taken to successfully reduce lead levels. According to the State's revised Action Level, an elevated level of lead is a lead concentration in drinking water exceeding 5 parts per billion (ppb) (*formerly 20 ppb; 5 ppb effective June 1, 2021*) in school buildings.

The remedial action(s) which have been completed at outlets which had elevated lead results at ***[Westmar Middle]***, and the date(s) on which the remedial action was completed are listed in the table below:

Outlet Description & Location	Remedial Action Completed	Date Remedial Action Occurred
WM12 Sink Kitchen	Installed Point of Use Lead Filter	10/23/2025
WM15 Kettle Kitchen	Installed Point of Use Lead Filter	10/23/2025

Prior to being returned to service, outlets that have been remediated (and have not been permanently removed from service) were retested for lead, and the results of the testing show that the levels of lead in drinking water no longer exceed the Action Level.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact ***[Westmar Middle School/Wallace High]*** at ***[301-722-4968]***. For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead. If you are concerned about exposure, contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead.