



3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities: TRAINING – TESTING – TAKING ACTION

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Dear Parents/Teachers;

First Baptist ECM would like to provide an update on our efforts to reduce potential exposure to lead from school drinking water by taking steps that include testing for lead in drinking water in our school and sharing the sampling results. Our school has a state required program to reduce potential exposure to lead in drinking water.

Lead is a toxic metal. When children and others are exposed to lead it can have adverse health effects. "Exposure" to lead in drinking water means that children or staff consume water that contains lead through drinking or food preparation. There is no safe level of lead exposure which is why we are working to identify potential sources of exposure and are communicating actions that can be taken to both reduce lead and protect children and staff.

As part of our program, First Baptist ECM developed a plan to test for lead in all drinking water fountains and other outlets where students and staff get water for drinking and cooking. The state required program lead remediation level in drinking water samples is 15ppb. When a lead sample is detected at or above this level, we take immediate steps to address the source of lead to protect children and staff.

The sampling results of our program and our next steps are as follow:

- On 11/7/20, we tested 11 fixtures throughout our child care facility. This included: the hallway drinking water fountains, drinking water fountains on the playgrounds, and all kitchen faucets.
- Sample results show lead was detected at/above the remediation level in 2 fixtures. For the remaining 9 fixtures, lead was detected below 15 ppb.
- In response to the sampling results, we are taking immediate action on the 2 fixtures that showed lead levels at/above the program remediation level of 15ppb. **These fixtures have been removed from service permanently. **Please note that none of our water fountains have been used since March 2020.**

You can view the detailed sample results and remediation plans at the following link: fbclumbertonnc.org. Protecting the health and wellbeing of your child(ren) is our top priority and we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way as we implement our program at First Baptist ECM.

Sincerely,

Michelle Prevatte
Director