



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

## Operations Division

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

**November 9, 2021**

Dear **Forrest Elementary 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 **August 05, 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](http://www.cdc.gov/lead).

There were **52** outlets tested at your school. Of those outlets, **42** outlets produced water that was below the action level of 10 ppb. **Ten (10)** water outlets were found to have results above the water safety threshold and these outlets were immediately shut-off.

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](http://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)	MDL	PQL	Action Limits
08/05/2021	xx	1	FT	In RM P1 BR K	1.9	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	2	WF	In RM P1 K	1.3	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	3	FT	In RM P1 K	8.8	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	4	FT	In RM P4 BR K	2.7	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	5	WF	In RM P2 K	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	6	FT	In RM P2 K	2.8	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	7	HS	In RM P3 K	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	8	FT	In RM P3 K	2	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	9	FT	In RM P4 K	16	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	xx	10	WF	In RM P4 K	8.6	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	11	FT	In RM P4 K	38	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	xx	12	FT	In RM P4 K	5	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	13	FT	In RM P5 K	540	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	xx	14	WF	In RM P5 K	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	15	FT	In RM P5 K	14	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	xx	16	FT	In Faculty lounge	3.8	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	17	FT	In main office support	7	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	18	HS	In Gym/Cafe	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	19	WF	In Gym/Cafe	3.4	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	20	HS	In main lobby	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	21	FT	In RM P6 1st grade	2.8	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	22	FT	In RM P7 1st grade	6.5	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	23	FT	In RM P8 1st grade	12	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	xx	24	FT	In RM P9 1st grade	3.1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	25	FT	In RM P10 1st grade	6.5	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	26	FT	In RM P11	7.9	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	27	FT	In RM P12 1st grade	2.5	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	28	FT	In RM P13 1st grade	6.8	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	29	WF	Outside RM P11 Left	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	xx	30	WF	Outside RM P9 Right	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	1	31	FT	In Portable BR pre-K	11	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	1	32	HS	In portable pre-K	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	1	33	FT	In portable pre-K	8.7	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	0	34	HS	Outside girls BR	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	0	35	FT	In RM B1 Music K-5	8.7	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	0	36	WF	On sink in RM B1	9.5	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	0	37	HS	Outside RM B3	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	1	38	HS	Outside RM 107	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	1	39	HS	Outside RM 104	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	1	40	FT	In main office/support	14	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	1	41	FT	In RM 101 support K-5	2.4	NA	1	BA



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08/05/2021	1	42	FT	In RM 103 BR K-5	500	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	1	43	WF	On sink in RM 103 K-5	16	NA	1	AA
08/05/2021	1	44	FT	In RM 103 K-5	2.9	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	2	45	FT	Nurse's office	59	NA	1	AA
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08/05/2021	2	46	FT	In counselor's office BR	1.1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	2	47	HS	In teacher's lounge	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	2	48	FT	In teacher's lounge	2	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	2	49	HS	Outside RM 204	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	2	50	HS	Outside RM 207	<1	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	3	51	WF	Outside RM 307	3.6	NA	1	BA
08/05/2021	3	52	HS	Outside RM 304	<1	NA	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

NA = Not available

xx = Annex

### 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