

Lead Testing for Licensed or Regulated Subsidy Child Care Programs Operating in a School Facility

Licensed or Regulated Subsidy child care programs are required to test for lead every six years. If the school lead testing date is before the child care program's next testing date, the child care program should test simultaneously with the school and submit the lead testing results to the Office of Child Care (OCC) to join the school's six year lead testing cycle.

If you operate in a school facility, below are tips for streamlining your testing:

- When multiple programs operate in the same building(s), water samples for lead testing may be submitted to the lab at the same time.
- Licensed or Regulated Subsidy child care programs do not have to test separately from the school facility, but the child care will need to coordinate with the school facilities manager regarding when testing is due and which faucets must be tested.
- A licensed or regulated subsidy child care program must continue to meet the six year lead testing requirement and must submit lead test results to OCC at least every six years. However, aligning with the school's testing timeline might mean testing will need to be done early, before six years have passed.
- It is the child care program's responsibility to communicate with the school, obtain copies of lead testing, and submit the results to OCC.

In order to avoid duplication of water lead testing, the Office of Child Care will accept lead testing done by the school (or building owner) if the test includes:

- (1) All faucets in the child care room(s) that are used for drinking, cooking or preparing bottles; and
- (2) Results of the test state which faucets were tested.

Information on Lead Testing Reimbursement and access to Lead Testing Reimbursement forms are available at http://triwou.org/pages/show/lead-testing-reimbursement-form?site=ccccrr

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