Lead Testing Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs for Regulated Subsidy Providers

Q. Do I have to test if I provide care for a relative?

A. No, you do not have to conduct testing if you provide care only for children who are related to you. A relative is defined as a grand-parent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or a sibling not living in the home of the child in care.

Q. Do I have to test if care is provided in the child's home?

A. No. If you go to the child's home to provide care, lead testing is not required.

Q. Where do I order my test?

A. Attached is a list of ORELAP accredited labs and their contact information. Test kits can be ordered by contacting one of the labs on the list.

Q. Where do I send the results of the lead testing?

A. Once providers receive results back from the lab, they can send a copy to OCC at:

- *Mail: Office of Child Care, 700 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97301*
- *Fax: 503-947-1428 or*
- *Email: ELD.Lead@ode.oregon.gov*

Q. If I previously had my water tested by one of the labs on the ORELAP list, do I need to test again?

A. As long as the faucets being used were tested and the analysis was performed by an ORELAP accredited lab, the results are good for up to six (6) years. Lead testing must be completed every six (6) years from the date of the last test.

Q. If I currently use only bottled water do I need to test the bottled water?

A. No, providers do not need to test bottled water. Providers will be required to fill out a declaration stating they are exclusively using bottled water for drinking, cooking, and preparing formula.

Q. If I only use the water filtered from my fridge, do I need to test that water?

A. Yes, providers need to test the filtered water from your fridge if you are using it for drinking, cooking, etc.

Q. What if I want to start using a faucet that hasn't been tested for drinking, cooking, or preparing formula?

A. You will need to notify OCC within 10 days, and test for lead prior to using the faucet.

Q. Can I use a filter attached to the plumbing fixture?

A. One of our options for corrective action is purchasing an approved lead filter for fixtures or faucets that test at or above 15 ppb, no retesting would be needed after purchasing and installing and NSF certified lead filter.

Q. Could I use a Brita or other filter pitcher for that water?

A. Any filters that are used must be an NSF certified lead filter. Brita is not NSF certified for lead. Providers can purchase NSF certified lead filters at Home Depot or Lowes, and online from Amazon.

Q. Who do I call if I have questions regarding lead testing?

A. If you have, questions regarding lead testing, contact OCC at 503-947-5908.

Q. How do I know what the results mean?

A. Below is an example of a lead testing report. You will see the highlighted word "result" and directly under it the letters "ND" are also highlighted. When trying to interpret the results, make sure you're looking directly under "result." The letters "ND" mean None Detected. Please keep in mind not all reports look the same.

Example Results:

Lab Number

	Code	Method	Result	Units	MRL	EPA MCL*	Analysis Date/ Time
	Sample Name: Kitchen **Sampled:** 11/25/18 9:08						**Matrix:** Water
†*Lead*	1030	EPA 200.9	ND	ppb	2	20 ppb	11/28/18 14:24