

Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results Most Recently Reported: Beginning 2016

OVERVIEW

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General Description:

There are two 'Lead Testing in School Drinking Water' datasets on Health Data NY.

The dataset names are:

- Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results Most Recently Reported: Beginning 2016
 - This dataset shows the school water lead sampling and results information reported by each NYS public school and BOCES (excluding New York City).
- Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Buildings with Lead-Free Plumbing: Beginning 2016
 - List of buildings for each NYS public school and BOCES (excluding New York City) reported as being certified lead-free and therefore not requiring testing.

Legislation (S.8158/A.10740) mandating that schools across the state test drinking water for lead contamination was signed into law on 9/06/2016. Emergency regulations pursuant to this legislation were issued the same day by the NYS Department of Health, requiring that that school districts sample their water for possible lead contamination by Oct 31, 2016 and report the results to parents, the state Department of Health, and local government officials. This data is collected in service of the reporting requirements to the state Department of Health. The Lead Testing in School Drinking Water regulations may be found at this site: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/LeadTestingRegs.pdf>

Data Methodology:

The data is self-reported by the schools in response to a Department of Health electronic survey, and transferred to Health Data NY as is without edits or redaction. Schools will update their information on an ongoing basis as their water sampling progresses and the laboratory analysis results are reported back to them. Once sampling is complete for a school, the sampling completion date will be available. Once all the analysis results are complete, the results completion date will also be available. Additional information on the results will be posted on each school's website. In general, as drinking water testing activities progress across New York State the information available on Health Data NY will become more complete.

Limitations of Use



This data is self-reported by schools and presented on Health Data NY as is. The accuracy of the reported information is not verified except in cases of reviews initiated from monitoring activities.