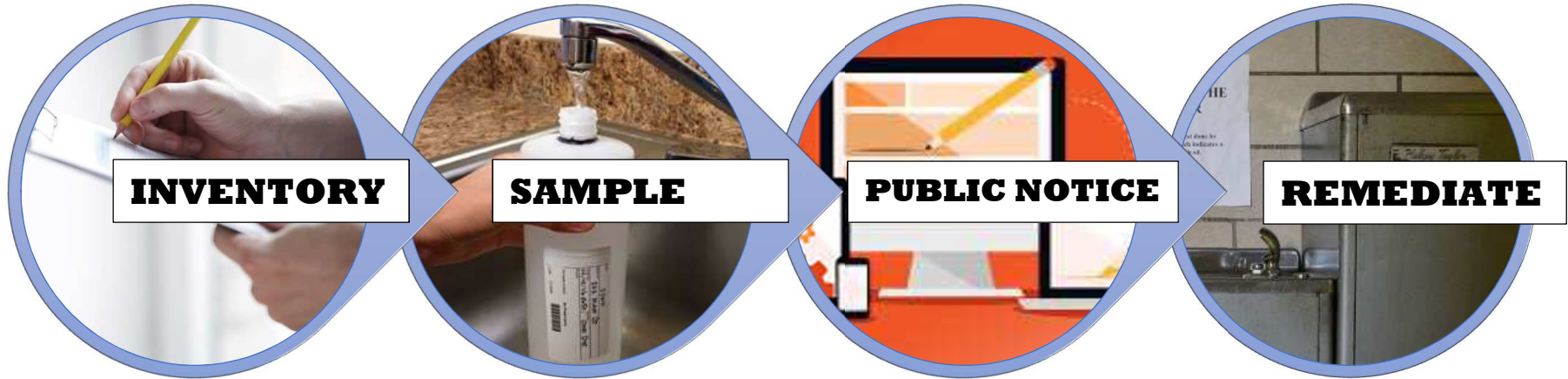


Testing School Drinking Water for Lead in 2020*

An Act to Strengthen Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water (S.P. 40 - L.D. 153)



- Inventory all the taps in your school used for drinking or culinary purposes.
- How many sample bottles will you need?

- Order sample bottles from the designated lab.
- Collect your water samples and fully document them using the included chain-of-custody forms.
- Ship samples and forms to the designated lab.

- Distribute test results and remediation efforts to parents, students, and school staff. This is your public notice.
- Submit proof of public notice to the Drinking Water Program.

- Remediate taps/plumbing that test high for lead.
- Inform the Drinking Water Program how you plan to remediate taps in the future and/or what work has already been completed.



Have Questions? Contact the Maine Drinking Water Program at (207) 287-2070 or visit our website at <https://www.medwp.com>

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Questions You May Have

Who's going to pay for this?

The Drinking Water Program will cover the cost of sample bottles, laboratory analysis, and sample bottle shipment.

When will this program start?

Testing will begin in September 2020 and is anticipated to finish within 2 years. Not all schools will be testing at the same time and all schools will be notified when they are scheduled to begin testing.

What if I have already tested my school for lead?

Schools may have already partially or fully tested their taps for lead. This does not exempt a school from testing as part of the requirements set forth in S.P. 40 - L.D. 153, *An Act to Strengthen Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water*. The law requires that ALL schools test for lead in water from all taps used for drinking or culinary purposes.

Who will do the sampling?

Each school is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the samples are taken correctly and documented. The Drinking Water Program is strongly encouraging that local water districts assist local schools with sample collection.

My samples have been analyzed and I have the results. Now what?

You are required to disclose your lead results and remediation efforts to all stakeholders, included but not limited to: students, parents, and staff at the school. You must also submit proof to the Drinking Water Program that you notified stakeholders. You must also submit your plan for remediation to the Drinking Water Program.

Who will pay for my remediation efforts?

Each school is responsible to fund their own remediation efforts. S.P. 40 – L.D. 153, *An Act to Strengthen Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water* does not provide remediation funding and does not require remediation. However, remediation is strongly recommended, as there is no level of lead in drinking water that is considered “safe.” The Drinking Water Program will provide guidance documents to assist in remediation efforts.

I'm remediating some of my taps? Can I get additional sample bottles?

YES! The Drinking Water Program will pay for any additional sample bottles needed during the remediation process. Additional samples may be needed to confirm high results, to troubleshoot the source of lead, and to confirm that remediation efforts are successful.



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