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Prepare for Lead Testing in Fall 2021

The Maine Legislature passed a law requiring all school drinking and cooking water fixtures be tested for lead. All schools will either need to work with their local water professional or use the provided training materials to identify water sampling locations, collect water samples, coordinate with the designated laboratory, report results, and follow up with plans/procedures/actions based on the sampling results. Schools should designate someone for this responsibility.

Visit https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/Flyer School%20Lead%20Testing Early%20August 8.2.21%20%28002%29.pdf to view an informational letter that your SAU's schools should send to parents in the fall. Samples can be ordered on October 1st, 2021. To begin preparing for your sampling, visit www.medwp.com/schools.html to download instructions.

School Revolving Renovation Fund

The Department is accepting SRRF applications for Priority One and Priority Two projects through October 29, 2021. Applications and additional information are available here: https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/facilities/srrf

Leased Space

Approvals of leased and lease-purchased instructional space for FY 2021-2022 have been posted to https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/facilities/lsp under "Resources."

School Safety

Your source for facilities related COVID-19 information is the <u>Maine DOE COVID-19 Tool Kit</u> website. The site provides COVID-19 updates that include: safety guidance, SOP for positive cases, link to U.S. CDC Guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools,

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