



Head Start
Early Head Start



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our child care is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community, Reach-Up tests our drinking water for lead as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health.

Why Test Drinking Water for Lead?

There is no known safe level of lead exposure. Children younger than six years old are most at risk due to their rapid rate of growth and ongoing brain development. Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain, nervous system, red blood cells, and kidneys. Lead also has the potential to cause lower IQs, hearing impairments, reduced attention span, hyperactivity, developmental delays, and poor classroom performance. Pregnant women and their fetuses are especially vulnerable to lead exposure since lead can significantly harm the fetus, causing lower birth weight and slowing normal mental and physical developments.

Is Our Drinking Water Safe?

Yes, our building's water is safe. Reach-Up tested our drinking water for lead. We tested 43 drinking water taps; 0 requiring action based on our testing plan. The next time we will test for lead is 2027/2028 school year.

How Can I Learn More?

For more information about water quality in our buildings, please contact Safety Committee member, at 320-253-8110. For information about water quality and sampling for lead at home, contact your local water supplier or state drinking water agency. You may find additional information about lead at:

MDH Lead Program (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html>)

Sincerely,

The Safety Committee

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Reach-Up Head Start and Early Head Start provides comprehensive education and support services that strengthen young children and their families who are experiencing low income.