

Covington Community School Corporation

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Covington Community School Corporation School – Community Members:

Covington Community School Corporation recently participated in a voluntary State program to test our schools' drinking water for lead. This program was offered to all Indiana public schools, and it specifically tests water fixtures that provide drinking or cooking water to students.

In our school system, a total number of 93 fixtures were tested. With this, 97% of those fixtures did not present lead levels that exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s "action level" of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

However, there were three (3) fixtures which did present lead levels that exceed the EPA's action level. The action level of 15 ppb is not a measure of health effects. It serves as a signal to the school to take steps to reduce lead in the water. Lead found in tap water typically comes from the corrosion of interior plumbing fixtures and materials that contain lead, not usually the municipal water supply. The issue is not system-wide, but specific to the fixtures identified and were addressed by the remediation plan.

The fixtures of concern are located in the elementary and middle school.

We have taken one or more of the following actions to address this situation:

- Disconnect Bubble
- Handwashing Sign in Place
- Removed Cooler

An overview of the Lead Sampling Program results will be available on the corporation website, www.covington.k12.in.us, after September 15, 2018.

Sincerely,



Kevin R. Smith
Superintendent

Lead Sampling Program Overview

Covington Community School Corporation

District-Wide Figures

- 150 samples were collected
- 93 drinking water fixtures were tested
- 3% of fixtures tested were over the EPA Action Level (15 ppb)
- 97% of fixtures tested were ≤ 1 ppb (detection levels for the labs are between 0.5-1 ppb)
- 4 school buildings with no fixtures ≥ 15 ppb
- 2 school buildings with at least 1 fixture ≥ 15 ppb

School Name	Fixtures Tested	Fixtures ≥ 15 ppb	Remediation Plan
Annex/Agricultural Building	1	0	
Athletic Complex	4	0	
Covington Community High School	51	0	
Covington Elementary School	35	2	Disconnect bubbler, Handwashing Sign
Middle Gymnasium	1	1	Remove Cooler
Tri-County Automotive	1	0	
TOTAL	93	3	