

**CENTRAL EGLINTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
SAFE DRINKING WATER POLICY**

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The Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act (O. Reg. 243/07) requires schools, private schools and day nurseries (CECC) to flush their facility's plumbing, to conduct annual sampling and testing for lead, and in some cases, to undertake corrective actions where needed, and to keep appropriate records related to flushing and sampling activities (Ministry of Environment, Safe Drinking Water Branch).

CECC completed the Safe Drinking Water Act Confirmation of Compliance Form which registered both sites, Eglinton and St. Monica's, with the Ministry of Environment. We included information that indicates the age of each of our sites.

**Water Flushing - Amended July 2017**

If the two previous years of water testing produced lead test results of less than 10 micrograms per litre, the site may flush the drinking water and food preparation taps once per week. If not, the site is required to flush each morning.

**Eglinton Public School – Eglinton Site**

- On the first day of the week, before the site opens, the cook or designate will flush the cold-water taps and water fountains in each room for at least five minutes.
- If the lead testing exceeded 10 micrograms per litre, the taps will be flushed every morning.
- The cook/designate will record the date, time and their name.
- The records will be kept in a binder in the kitchen.
- Eglinton Public School's Caretaker will give CECC copies of all water testing results.

**St. Monica's Catholic School – St. Monica Site**

- On the first day of the week, before the site opens, a designated employee will flush the cold water tap in each room for at least five minutes.
- If the lead testing exceeded 10 micrograms per litre, the taps will be flushed every morning.
- The teacher will record the date, time and their name.
- The records will be kept in a binder in the kindergarten room – 119.

**Annual Water Testing**

Annual testing\* is required for both sites. The tests will take place between May 1 and October 31 each year and will be organized by the Toronto District and Toronto Catholic District School Boards. The School Boards will send the tests directly to the Ministry of the Environment. The Ministry will check the co-relation information, signed and submitted.

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September 2010, which indicates that the School Boards will be responsible for the water testing. Once the test results are sent to Eglinton and St. Monica Schools, CECC will be provided with copies for its file.

\*If either site has at least two years of lead testing results of below 10 micrograms per litre, then the site may reduce its testing frequency to three years. In order to qualify for this the schools must complete a "Notice of Reduced Lead Sampling" form which indicates that all the sampling and testing has been completed. The form will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for approval. Once approved, then the schools and CECC may move to the three-year testing cycle for the particular site.

If the water testing results exceed any Ontario drinking water quality chemical standard, such as the lead standard, the TDSB or TCDSB will report the results to CECC, the local medical officer of health and the Ministry's Spills Action Centre within 24 hours. CECC will inform and take direction from the Ministry of Education.

If the initial results exceed the standard of 10 micrograms of lead per litre after flushing, we will:

- Immediately arrange for an alternative source of drinking water or filtered water for children and educators and for the kitchen/food preparation area
- Report the results as a Serious Occurrence to the Ministry of Education (CCLS), within 24 hours
- Report the results, by letter, to the parents/guardians and post the letter on the notice boards in Eglinton and St. Monica's sites
- Work with the School Boards and the Medical Officer of Health to reduce lead levels. This may include water filters, bottled water, re-testing etc.

### **Posting**

The test results will be posted on the in CECC's notice board, outside the main office, Eglinton site and on the notice board in the hallway between room 119 and 120 at St. Monica's site.

### **Records**

- The flushing and test results will be kept on file for six years. The records for the most recent two years of flushing and testing will be available for inspection by members of affiliated agencies and CECC's community.

