

Kitty's Kids at Shady Grove, Inc.
P.O. Box 8
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Date: October 24, 2024

Re: Lead Testing in Water

Dear Kitty's Kids at Shady Grove Parents,

Kitty's Kids at Shady Grove, Inc. recently participated in a voluntary State program to test our child care facility's drinking water for lead. This program was offered to all Virginia public schools and child care facilities and specifically tests water fixtures that provide drinking or cooking water to students.

In our child care facility, a total number of 36 fixtures were tested. Ninety-two percent (92%) 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, three (3) fixtures 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 for the school/child care facility 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 from the municipal water supply. The issue is specific to the identified fixtures and will be addressed by the remediation plan.

Two of the fixtures of concern are both located outside and are NOT used for consumption. These outdoor spigots are only used for outdoor activities requiring water usage. The third fixture of concern is a sprayer actually not used by Kitty's Kids staff, but is in a classroom used by Kitty's Kids.

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

- Closed off the water access to the classroom fixture.
- Installed signs where applicable for the outdoor spigots, indicating these fixtures are for hand-washing only

If you would like a copy of the complete testing results or more information about the findings, please contact our office at 804-559-7690.

Sincerely,


Dee Shifflett
Director