

OKLAHOMA'S

LEAD TESTING

IN SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE FACILITIES DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is leading the voluntary Lead Testing In Schools & Child Care Facilities Drinking Water Program in order to provide safer drinking water for children and staff.

HISTORY



Lead contamination in drinking water is a known hazard. Lead in drinking water is of particular concern for older buildings built before 1986 due to the plumbing and infrastructure materials used. Even though the water source may be safe, lead fixtures, solder, and pipes could be cause for contamination.

Younger children are at greater risk for lead poisoning because they absorb lead more easily and their brains are still growing. In order to protect against our children from lead exposure, this program assists facilities that are not required to regularly test their drinking water with free sampling and testing. Based on results, DEQ will also provide guidance on how to reduce or eliminate lead found in drinking water.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Public schools and public/private child care facilities in Oklahoma are eligible to participate.

HOW TO APPLY



Visit our website to complete the "Lead Testing in Schools & Child Care Program" form. <https://go.usa.gov/xpdUk> or call 1-800-522-0206.

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM WILL BE ACCEPTED FEBRUARY 3, 2020 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once DEQ receives your application, staff will review documents. You will then be contacted to coordinate further program development. Applications will be prioritized based on age of children, socioeconomics, and facility.

REPAIRS

Grant funds will not cover the cost of remediation. However, DEQ will provide technical assistance on how to reduce or eliminate lead found in drinking water.

COLLECTION



The participating facility will conduct their own sampling for this program. No special certification is required. Sample supplies and shipping costs will be provided through the grant. DEQ will provide technical assistance and training videos on their website; <https://go.usa.gov/xpdUk>

ANALYSIS

The DEQ's state certified State Environmental Laboratory Services will be analyzing all samples collected.

RESULTS

Sample results will be sent to the participating facility who must publicly post the results. In cases of elevated levels, facility administrator will be notified immediately. Results will also be accessible online at <https://go.usa.gov/xpdUk>



QUESTIONS?

Contact us at lwsc@deq.ok.gov or visit <https://go.usa.gov/xpdUk>

