VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOORHEESVILLE, NEW YORK 12186



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The health and safety of students and staff at Voorheesville Central School District is our number one priority. On September 6, 2016 Governor Cuomo signed legislation which requires all public schools in New York State to test all potable water sources for lead. The regulation requires public schools to conduct lead sampling every five years. For the 2020 round of sampling, Voorheesville Central School District collected the water samples in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 3-T's protocol.

On April 6, 2021, a total of 207 sources of water were collected and analyzed by Adirondack Environmental Services, which is certified by the New York State Department of Health. The district obtained results on April 15, April 16 and April 21 of 2021.

The district had all locations that were previously tested in 2016 resampled for thoroughness, understanding that areas already labeled as not suitable for drinking could come back with higher lead levels than state guidelines (15 ug/L).

During this testing, as suspected a number of faucets came back with levels above state guidelines, as noted on the report below. However, all of these faucets except for one, Room 189 in the high school, <u>were identified during testing in 2016</u> and marked as **"Do Not Drink"** faucets having non-potable water. These signs have remained in place since 2016, and these faucets are not used for drinking or food preparation. In light of these testing results, similar signage will also be posted on the faucet in Room 189.

| Water ID # | Room #/Location | Outlet Description | Results | Units |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| Voorheesville Elementary School- All Results Below State Guidelines | | | | |
| Clayton A. Bouton High School | | | | |
| VCSD-VHS-31 | Room 154 – Technology | Sink | 20.5 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-33 | Room 154 – Technology | Sink | 65 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-67 | Room 189 - Girl's Bathroom | Sink | 33.1 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-75 | Room 102 | Sink | 16.8 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-83 | Classroom 120 | Sink | 26.6 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-90 | Classroom 126 | Sink | 33.9 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-93 | Classroom 135 | Sink | 30 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-95 | Classroom 135 | Sink | 32 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-97 | Classroom 136 | Sink | 76.3 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-102 | Room 136A - Prep | Sink | 52.9 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-103 | Classroom 137 | Sink | 34.5 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VHS-105 | Classroom 137 | Sink | 63.7 | ug/L |
| | Voorhee | esville Middle School | | |
| VCSD-VMS-14 | Room 216 | Sink | 28.3 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VMS-15 | Room 216 | Sink | 16.6 | ug/L |
| VCSD-VMS-17 | Room 218 | Sink | 28.6 | ug/L |

We have and continue to take the necessary steps to address the situation and confirm the safety of water throughout the district. There is nothing that we take more seriously than the well-being of our students and staff.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Macri Superintendent of Schools