

# Sampling for Lead in Drinking Water



## 📍 Where to sample

Any location where water is typically consumed, such as for drinking directly or food preparation.

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- Drinking Fountain
- Bottle Filler
- Classroom Sinks
- Kitchen Sinks
- Food/Formula Prep Sinks

It is not required to test from:

- Bathroom Sinks
- Utility Sinks

## 🕒 When to sample

- Water should sit in the pipes for 8-18 hours, prior to sample collection. Each sample should be the first draw of the day.
- Sample the day after a building has had a normal day of water usage. For most schools this would mean you sample Tuesday - Saturday morning.
- Do not test during the middle of an extended break such as spring or winter break.

## How to sample



## 🚚 Transporting to the lab:

- **The lab must receive the water samples within 10 days of the sample collection.** This ensures that the lab is able to prepare and process the sample within the designated holding time. If we receive the samples after 10 days you will need to resample.
- Along with the samples, please include the Chain of Custody form with all required information filled out. See next page for an example of a completed COC.
- Water samples can either be mailed or dropped off at our laboratory location at 617 13th Ave South Hopkins, MN. If dropping off, please note our operating hours (M-TH 9am - 2:30pm, F 9am - 1pm).

## What's Next

We will begin analyzing your samples! Once we have completed your sample analysis, we will send you a lab report with your results along with a corresponding invoice.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns that may arise during any part of the sampling, transporting or reporting process. We are happy to help!