

sampling regulations, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) recommends carefully reviewing [lead sampling information](#) provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Samples are required to be sent to a certified testing laboratory for analysis. The NJDEP provides access to a complete, real-time list of Drinking Water Certified Lead Labs, by County, on their [Data Miner website](#). (On the Data Miner home page, click "Search by Category," then select "Certified Laboratories" from the Report Category dropdown. Click on the "Submit" button and select "Drinking Water Certified Lead Labs.")

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(j), entities may request an exemption from the lead testing requirements if they can demonstrate that they do not use any drinking water outlets for consumption or food preparation in any of their facilities. An entity that receives approval for an exemption from the Department must make the approval available for public inspection at the facility and on the entity's website. The entity must reapply for an exemption or begin lead testing every Statewide testing year.

Click [here](#) to access the online Exemption Request form.

Public Notification Requirements

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(e), the entity must complete a review of final laboratory results within 72 hours of receipt. Within 24 hours of reviewing the final laboratory results, every covered entity must:

- Make all test results publicly available at the school facility;
- Post the most recent test results on the covered entity's website; and
- The lead test results shall remain on the website until there are new lead test results to post.

If any results exceed the action level (AL) of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]), the covered entity must provide written notification to the parents/guardians of all students, facility staff, and the Department and post the notification on the entity's website. To notify the Department, as part of the statement of assurance submission, the entity will be required to provide an active website address of the exceedance notification letter. If an entity does not have a website, test results and exceedance notification must be posted onto the district website.

The notification must include a description of:

1. The steps taken to immediately end the use of each drinking water outlet where water quality exceeds the AL of 15 µg/l;
2. Measures taken to ensure that alternate drinking water has been made available to all students and staff; and
3. Information regarding the health effects of lead.

To ensure compliance with exceedance notification requirements, [click here](#) to download a Notice of Exceedance template letter.

Statement of Assurance Requirement

Archived Submissions:

[2020-2021 Local Education Agency Lead Testing SOA Submissions](#)

[2020-2021 Early Childcare Facility Lead Testing SOA Submissions](#)

[2019-2020 Statements of Assurance](#)

Resources:

[Regulations](#)

[NJ Department of Environmental Protection Guidance Documents](#)

[Lead Sampling in Schools Technical Guidance - FAQs](#)

[December 2021 Presentation: Overview of Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water](#)

