

Illinois Schools Lead Testing Fact Sheet

Illinois Senate Bill 0550

- Schools built prior to 1/1/1987 must comply by 12/31/2017
- Schools built between 1/2/1987 & 1/1/2000 must comply by 12/31/2018
- Schools built after 1/1/2000 are not applicable to the law
- Analysis must be done by an IEPA accredited laboratory

Sampling required for schools “occupied by more than 10 children or students, pre-kindergarten through 5th grade”

- Two samples must be collected for each “source of potable water”
- Required sample container volume is 250ml
- The first sample is a “first flush” and the second sample is after 30 seconds of flushing subsequent to the first flush sample.
- Samples must be delivered to the laboratory such that the laboratory can preserve the samples no later than 10 days from collection. This allows the lab time to properly preserve the samples. *(Because these samples are being collected at schools, required acid preservatives will be added to the containers after they are received at the laboratory.)*

Potable water as defined in the law: *“Source of potable water means the point at which non-bottled water that may be ingested by children or used for food preparation exits any tap, faucet, drinking fountain, wash basin in a classroom occupied by children or students under grade 1, or similar point of use; provided, however, that all (a) bathroom sinks and (b) wash basins used by janitorial staff are excluded from this definition.”*

PDC Laboratories will provide all proper sample containers and sample collection paperwork.

After receipt of results from laboratory, the results should be emailed to IDPH at dph.leadh2o@illinois.gov



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