

# KIPP:NEWARK

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Dear KIPP THRIVE/BOLD Families,

We are writing with an update on recent water quality tests performed at our KIPP Newark schools. We are committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested our schools' drinking water for lead using an independent vendor, JM Sorge, Inc. **We did not find elevated levels of lead at any tested active water fountain or water cooler at our 18th Avenue campus.**

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, THRIVE/BOLD will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

## Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within KIPP: NJ Newark Charter School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 28 samples taken, all but two (2) tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action KIPP Newark schools has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
First Floor Cafeteria Kitchen Sink ID # TB FL1 RKIT KS1	917	Sink was not in use prior to sampling. Disconnected sink to prevent future use.
1st Floor Drinking Water Fountain ID # TB FL1 H118 DF	952	Drinking fountain was not in use prior to sampling. Disconnected to prevent future use.

## Health Effects of Lead

High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years of age. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. Exposure

to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At *very* high levels, lead can even cause brain damage. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

#### How Lead Enters our Water

Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and in building plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass, and chrome-plated brass faucets. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead, and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes and other plumbing materials. However, even the lead in plumbing materials meeting these new requirements is subject to corrosion. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into the drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning *may* contain fairly high levels of lead.

#### Lead in Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of children under the age of 6. EPA estimates that drinking water can make up 20% or more of a person's total exposure to lead.

#### For More Information

A copy of the test results is available in our central office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.. For more information about water quality in our schools, contact [executivedirector@kipnpj.org](mailto:executivedirector@kipnpj.org).

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If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

Sincerely,

KIPP Newark Schools

Dear KIPP Life Academy Community,

We are writing with an update on recent water quality tests performed at our KIPP Newark schools. We are committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested our schools’ drinking water for lead using an independent vendor, JM Sorge, Inc. **We did not find elevated levels of lead at any tested water fountain or water cooler at KIPP Life Academy.**

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, KIPP Life Academy will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a “DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY” sign will be posted.

### Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within KIPP: NJ Newark Charter School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 32 samples taken, all but one (1) tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action KIPP Newark schools has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
First Floor Cafeteria Steam oven ID # Life-FL1-R113-SO	59.5	Discontinued use*

\*This water source has not been in use at Life Academy since before March of 2020

### Health Effects of Lead

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infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At *very* high levels, lead can even cause brain damage. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

#### How Lead Enters our Water

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#### Lead in Drinking Water

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#### For More Information

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Dear KIPP Rise Academy families,

We are writing with an update on recent water quality tests performed at our KIPP Newark schools. We are committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested our schools’ drinking water for lead using an independent vendor, JM Sorge, Inc. **We did not find elevated levels of lead at any tested water fountain or water cooler at KIPP Rise Academy.**

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, KIPP Rise Academy will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a “DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY” sign will be posted.

## Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within KIPP: NJ Newark Charter School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 13 samples taken, all but one (1) tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action KIPP Newark schools has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
First Floor Cafeteria Kitchen Sink ID # Rise-FL1-RKIT-KS1	31.4	Sink was not in use prior to sampling. Disconnected sink to prevent future use.

## Health Effects of Lead

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### How Lead Enters our Water

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### Lead in Drinking Water

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Sincerely,

KIPP Newark Schools

Dear KIPP TEAM Academy families,

We are writing with an update on recent water quality tests performed at our KIPP Newark schools. We are committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested our schools’ drinking water for lead using an independent vendor, JM Sorge, Inc. **We did not find elevated levels of lead at any tested water fountain or water cooler at KIPP TEAM Academy.**

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, TEAM will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a “DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY” sign will be posted.

### Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within KIPP: NJ Newark Charter School District. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the 22 samples taken, all but one (1) tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 µg/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action KIPP Newark schools has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
First Floor Cafeteria Steam Oven ID # Team FL1 RKIT S03	446	Discontinued Use

### Health Effects of Lead

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hurt school performance. At *very* high levels, lead can even cause brain damage. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

### How Lead Enters our Water

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Dear KIPP Upper Roseville Campus families,

We are writing with an update on recent water quality tests performed at our KIPP Newark schools. We are committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, we tested our schools' drinking water for lead using an independent vendor, JM Sorge, Inc. **We did not find elevated levels of lead at any tested water fountain or water cooler at KIPP Upper Roseville, KIPP Newark Community Prep, KIPP Truth, and KIPP Purpose Academies.**

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, we will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 µg/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

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Sample Location	First Draw Result in µg/l (ppb)	Remedial Action
First Floor Cafeteria Kitchen Sink ID # URA-FL1-R100-KS1	51.9	Sink was not in use prior to sampling. Disconnected sink to prevent future use.
1st Floor Room 132D Nurse's Sink ID # URA-FL1-R132D-NS	40.3	Disconnected sink to prevent future use.

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