

Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities: Expanded Assistance Program

A MassDEP program for free sampling analysis for lead in public schools and public/private group child care facilities that have not participated in prior testing efforts.

Program also includes guidance, personalized testing tool, outreach and education assistance, and online data portal.

Funded through a \$967k USEPA grant.

Program priorities include lower-income areas, older buildings, permanent facilities, and areas with elevated childhood blood lead levels.

Short online application process.
Applications being accepted now.

Looking for operators interested in being available to volunteer to collect samples in local area.

www.mass.gov/assistance-program-for-lead-in-school-drinking-water

Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities: School Water Improvement Grants (SWIG)

A grant program to pay for purchase and installation of water bottle filling stations in public schools and public child care facilities that have detected levels of lead > 1 ppb.

Program managed by the MA Clean Water Trust in partnership with MassDEP.

Funded through a \$5 million state supplemental budget line item.

Program selection priorities are similar to MassDEP's lead testing effort.

Online application process.
Accepting applications beginning in early February.

Please help spread the word about these two programs.