



# SHEPARD

School

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Dear Shepard School Community:

Our school is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations Agra Environmental and Laboratory Services tested our school's drinking water for lead.

### Results of our Testing

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we previously completed a limited plumbing profile for the Shepard School building to identify all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the initial samples taken, all but one tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 µg/l [ppb]). Upon learning that the elevated outlet had been shut off since June of 2020 due to COVID-19, a more lengthy and proper flush was performed before the required stagnation period and subsequent follow up sample. As expected, the outlet tested well below the lead action level.

### For More Information

The test results are available in our main office for inspection by the public, including students, teachers, other school personnel, and parents, and can be viewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The results are also available on our website at [www.shepardschools.org](http://www.shepardschools.org) For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Annmarie Scorzo, Business Manager at 973-247-1375.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Sincerely,



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