

Results from water samples/tests in Rockford Public Schools were shared with families in two phases: At registration in August and this month. The sample letter and comprehensive results that tested at or above 5 parts per billion are below:

Dec. 4, 2017

Dear parent/guardian,

We want to keep you updated on our ongoing water tests, driven by recently approved legislation. The district has worked for months to collect samples to test the levels of lead in drinking fountains, sinks and other water sources used for drinking or cooking in our schools. More than a dozen schools have already received their test results. Your child's school was tested in the second phase of the process. The state's deadline to sample water is Dec. 31, and we are confident we will complete our testing well before that deadline. We will continue to be transparent in this process, and we are notifying families of their school's test results.

The background: Public Act 99-0922 requires schools and daycares to test water for lead: The Act requires school buildings built before January 1, 1987 to complete water testing by the end of 2017 – that's what RPS 205 officials are doing now. Schools built between January 2, 1987 and January 1, 2000 must complete testing by the end of 2018. Plans for those tests are in the works. The Act also requires districts to notify parents/guardians with children at those schools if any lead results are at or above five parts per billion (ppb) – that's the purpose of this letter.

Test results at or above 5 parts per billion are listed below. (Please note: a second draw/sample was taken after flushing water for 30 seconds. If a second draw isn't noted below, results from that second sample were below 5 parts per billion.)

Barbour

kitchen sink	11.5 parts per billion
faucet in Classroom 110	42.9
faucet in Classroom 109	7.08
drinking fountain in Classroom 104	5.1

Beyer

kitchen sink	5.14 (parts per billion); 10.9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 114	57.1; 9.39 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 103	26.2
sink in nurse's office	220
faucet in faculty workroom	18.2; 12.9 on second draw
faucet in faculty workroom	36.4
faucet in Classroom 123	20.6; 6.36 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 125	12.9
faucet in Classroom 164	41; 9.2 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 165	225; 19.5 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 163	39; 5.97 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 161	104; 17.9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 162	34.6; 8.05 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 160	12.4; 6.43 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 156	157; 28.9 on second draw

faucet in Classroom 158	183; 51.1 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 157	87.5; 67.9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 155	9.58; 6.77 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 153	17.2
faucet in Classroom 154	26.4; 7.9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 151	11.1; 15.1 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 150	11.6
faucet in Classroom 149	9.39
faucet in Classroom 148	15.1
faucet in Classroom 146	17
faucet in Classroom 147	36.3
water cooler in corridor	6.11 on second draw; 1.02 on first draw
water cooler in corridor	8.39 on second draw; 1.16 on first draw

Bloom

faucet in Classroom 100	87.3 (parts per billion)
faucet in Classroom 101	11.1
drinking fountain in corridor	8.3
drinking fountain in corridor	72.9; 12.6 after second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	6.14
drinking fountain in corridor	45.4; 15.9 after second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	5.7
sink in nurse's office	31.3
kitchen sink	180; 9.8 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 102	27.9
faucet in Classroom 103	14.3
faucet in Classroom 1	110; 89.4 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 2	93.1; 7.66 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 3	14.7
faucet in Classroom 4	11.9
faucet in Classroom 5	6.42
faucet in Classroom 6	182; 37 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 7	20.5
faucet in Classroom 8	7.37
faucet in Classroom 9	65.6
faucet in Classroom 10	22.5; 63.7 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 11	23.1
faucet in Classroom 12	40.9; 18.9
faucet in Classroom 13	21.8
faucet in Classroom 14	59.8; 6.99 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 15	13.8
faucet in Classroom 16	132; 16.9 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 17	291; 74.6 after second draw
faucet in Classroom 18	20.1; 8.32 after second draw
kitchen sink	29.3
kitchen sink	5.37
drinking fountain in corridor	13.4 after second draw; was 1.18 on first draw
drinking fountain in corridor	15.8

Brookview

Faculty lounge kitchen sink	11.1 (parts per billion); 5.89 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	7.64 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	48.5; 19.2 on the second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	13.4
drinking fountain in corridor	11.7
drinking fountain in cafeteria	23.6; 6.22 on the second draw
drinking fountain in cafeteria	21.8
drinking fountain in corridor	13.7
faucet/drinking fountain in Classroom 4	5.19
faucet/drinking fountain in Classroom 3	37.5
faucet/drinking fountain in Classroom 2	1,880; 21.6 on the second draw
faucet/drinking fountain in Classroom 1	72.8; 10.7 on the second draw
faucet in Classroom 1	18; 6.09 on the second draw
faucet in Classroom 1	11.2; 6.34 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 2	6
drinking fountain in corridor	5.9
drinking fountain in corridor	6.08

Carlson

kitchen sink in corridor	7.03 parts per billion
water cooler in corridor	5.8 (second draw; first draw was less than 1.0)
drinking fountain in Classroom 101A	9.3; 8.22 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	12.6; 17.5 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	11.4 (second draw; first draw was 1.88)
faucet Classroom 104E	12
drinking fountain in Classroom 104E	37.4; 11.7 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 104D	7.69
drinking fountain in Classroom 104C	20.9; 14.6 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 104B	6.18; 18 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 104B	23.4; 45.4 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 104A	18.1; 8.07 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 102A	6.28; 2.71 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 102D	10.2
drinking fountain in Classroom 102E	5.91
drinking fountain in Classroom 102F	23.6; 12 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 103A	56.9; 20.1 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 103B	7.43; 8.22 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 103C	13.9; 11.5 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 103F	6.84
drinking fountain in Classroom 103D	235; 41.8 on second draw

Cherry Valley

No samples tested at or above 5 parts per billion. All samples were below the 5 parts per billion threshold.

Conklin

fountain in Classroom 11	16.7 parts per billion; 13 on second draw
nurse's office sink	5.69
faucet in Classroom 17	15.4
drinking fountain in corridor	6.53
drinking fountain in corridor	5.67

drinking fountain in gymnasium	38.9; 12.5 on second draw
drinking fountain in gymnasium	11.2
kitchen sink	12.4
faucet in Classroom 2	9.45
faucet in Classroom 1	11.5

Dennis

faucet in Classroom 11	5.59 parts per billion
faucet in Classroom 5	9.99
faucet in Classroom 5	9.68
faucet in Classroom 10	41.1
kitchen sink	5.12; 8.06 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 15	6.24
drinking fountain in corridor	12.7
faucet in storage room 18	246
drinking fountain in corridor	5.38
nurse's office sink	6.65
faucet in Classroom 13	9.5
drinking fountain in corridor	5.82
drinking fountain in corridor	5.21
faucet in Classroom 2	5.08
faucet in Classroom 1	5.62
faucet in Classroom 12	9
faucet in Classroom 6	23.3
drinking fountain in corridor	9.84
faucet in storage room 20	22.8
faucet in Classroom 16	13.7; 11.3 on second draw
faucet in storage room 19	14.5
drinking fountain in corridor	10.8

Ellis

sink in kitchen	16.7 (parts per billion)
sink in Classroom 105	6.13

Fairview

sink in nurse's office	29.5 parts per billion
sink in kitchen	78.3
sink in kitchen	41.2
faucet in Classroom 1	73.7
faucet in Classroom 2	27.3
faucet in Classroom 3	30.7
faucet in Classroom 4	33
faucet in Classroom 5	42.2
faucet in Classroom 6	15.8
faucet in Classroom 7	50.1
faucet in Classroom 8	26.5
faucet in Classroom 9	35.8
faucet in Classroom 10	37.4
faucet in Classroom 12	18.4
faucet in Classroom 13	36.1

faucet in Classroom 14	21.7
faucet in Classroom 15	34.7
faucet in Classroom 16	45.7
faucet in Classroom 17	81.8
faucet in Classroom 18	22.1
faucet in Classroom 19	78.4
faucet in Classroom 20	39.4
faucet in Classroom 21	39.1
faucet in Evaluation Room	8.66
drinking fountain in gross motor room	22
drinking fountain in gymnasium	10.9
drinking fountain in corridor	12.7
drinking fountain in corridor	12.3
drinking fountain in corridor	241 on first draw; 9.83 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	33.9

Froberg

faucet in Classroom 15	5.1 parts per billion
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Gregory

drinking fountain in corridor	5.70 parts per billion
drinking fountain in corridor	7.63
drinking fountain in corridor	6.79
faucet in Classroom 16	27.7; 6.36 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 16	47.6; 11.5 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 14	44.1; 17.2 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 13	103; 40.7 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 12	21.7; 11 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 11	305; 36.9 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 10	49.9; 7.91 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom 9	51.3; 34.2 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	9.14
faucet in Classroom 3	197; 6.03 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 1	18.6; 11.6 on second draw

Haskell

kitchen sink	26.8 parts per billion; 6.82 on second draw
faucet in media center	53.7
faucet in media center	42.7; 6.78 on second draw
faucet in Classroom G-8	131; 5.07 on second draw
faucet in Planning Center	5.38 (second draw; first draw was 4.07)
faucet in Classroom G-25	24.6
faucet in Classroom G-24	12.4
nurse's office sink	38.7

Hillman

faucet in Classroom 214	11.6 parts per billion
kitchen sink	39.7
faucet in Classroom 208	7.98
faucet in Classroom 112	6.55

Johnson

drinking fountain in gymnasium	31.4 (parts per billion); 5.8 on second draw
drinking fountain in gymnasium	22.6
water cooler in corridor	6.71
sink in nurse's office	10.8
faucet in Classroom 14	45.9; 13.8 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	9.26 on second draw (1.85 on first draw)
drinking fountain in corridor	44.7; 12.4 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	60.1
drinking fountain in corridor	85.5; 6.27 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	30.7
faucet in Classroom 15	131; 46.2 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 22	26
faucet in Classroom 21	74.8; 9.7 on second draw

Kishwaukee

nurse's sink	7.83 (parts per billion); 6.40 on second test
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Lathrop

kitchen sink	26.1 (parts per billion); 12.1 on second draw
drinking fountain in gym	65.7; 5.87 on second draw
drinking fountain in gym	81.9; 8.25 on second draw
sink in nurse's office	34.6; 10.5 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	17.1; 30.8 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	15.1; 10.6 on second draw
water cooler in corridor	9.05; 22.2 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	29.1; 20.9
drinking fountain in corridor	8.76
drinking fountain in corridor	11.3
sink in Classroom 120	215; 9.18 on second draw
sink in Classroom 122	59.2; 5.94 on second draw
sink in Classroom 121	249

Lewis Lemon

gymnasium drinking fountain	6.02 (parts per billion)
sink in Classroom 156	40.9
sink in nurse's office	12.5 on second draw (none detected in first draw)
sink in Classroom 120	37
sink in Classroom 116	37; 8.05 on second draw
sink in Classroom 113	21.9
sink in Classroom 111	17.2

Marshall Elementary

drinking fountain in corridor	5.88 (parts per billion)
drinking fountain in corridor	8.39; 6.5 on second draw
sink in nurse's office	8.75
drinking fountain in corridor	9.95
sink in Room 99/faculty area	8.15

Maria Montessori at Marsh

nurse's office sink	15 (parts per billion)
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sink in Classroom 5	12.8
sink in Classroom 8	9.11
sink in restroom in Classroom 7	13.8
sink in Classroom 7	8.32
sink in Classroom 11	7.39
sink in Classroom 10	12.7
sink in Classroom 12	7.44

McIntosh

drinking fountain in corridor	6.92 (parts per billion)
drinking fountain in corridor	16.9
drinking fountain in corridor	9.15
sink in nurse's office	9.24
faucet in Classroom 7	63.4; 21.2 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 8	246; 5.52 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 5	14.7
faucet in Classroom 6	131
faucet in Classroom 23	29.8; 7.13 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 24	9.64
kitchen sink	8.32
drinking fountain in gymnasium	9.58

Nashold

No water samples tested at or above 5 parts per billion. All were under the 5 parts per billion threshold.

Nelson

sink in Room 126	133 (parts per billion); 7.33 on second draw
sink in Room 125	7.57; 6.8 on second draw
sink in Room 124	147; 247 on second draw
nurse's sink	11.5

Riverdahl

sink in Room 136	9.18 (parts per billion)
sink in Room 133.1	7.98
sink in Nurse's office	5.37

Roosevelt

Kitchen sink	5.14 (parts per billion)
Sink in Room 106	8.3
Sink in Room 105	7.83
Kitchen sink by daycare	6.31
Sink in nurse's office	8.91
Water cooler in 2 nd floor corridor	7.25
Water cooler in 3 rd floor corridor	5.72

Rolling Green

drinking fountain in corridor	8.62 (parts per billion)
faucet in Classroom 17-A	8.25
drinking fountain in corridor	8.74

drinking fountain in corridor	7.25
faucet in Classroom 19	18
faucet in Classroom 20	9.55; 21.1 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 21	14.3
faucet in Classroom 22	21
faucet in Classroom 23	20.5; 7.63 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 24	19; 50.4 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 25	16.6; 13.9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 26	11.6
faucet in Classroom A1	29; 8.95 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom A1	6.38; 5.76 on second draw
faucet in Classroom A3	22.8; 10.7 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom A3	12.7; 11.8 on second draw
faucet in Classroom A7	30.6; 8.58 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom A7	15.8
faucet in Classroom A8/9	10.4
faucet in Classroom A8/9	10.2
faucet in Classroom 2	6.84
faucet in Classroom 10	10.9
faucet in Classroom 11	9.27; 9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 12	46.4; 12.6 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 14	30.8
faucet in Classroom 13	72.6
faucet in Classroom 16	88.4
drinking fountain in corridor	7.98; 12.2 after second draw
faucet in art classroom	18.2; 7.62 after second draw
faucet in art classroom	58.7
faucet in Classroom B 1/2	22; 23 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom B 1/2	29.3; 18.8 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom B3	17.9; 39.7 on second draw
faucet in Classroom B7	23.4; 15.9 on second draw
faucet in Classroom B 8/9	34.7
drinking fountain in Classroom B 8/9	22.5
sink in nurse's office	48.7
faucet in Classroom 1	8.82
faucet in Classroom 4	5.9
faucet in Classroom 5	17.6
faucet in Classroom 6	62.9
faucet in Classroom 7	24.2
faucet in Classroom 8	12.8; 7.76 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	11.6
kitchen sink	8.39
faucet in Classroom 9	64.9
water cooler in corridor	13.1; 5.58 on second draw
drinking fountain in gymnasium	5.97
faucet in music room	31.9
drinking fountain at pool	25
faucet in corridor	19; 9.29 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	605; 16.3 on second draw
faucet in Classroom C7	10.8

drinking fountain in Classroom C7	7.54; 5.8 on second draw
faucet in Classroom C8/C9	11.3; 11.1 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom C8/C9	15.4
faucet in Classroom C1/2	63
drinking fountain in Classroom C1/2	16; 9.86 on second draw
faucet in Classroom B3	39.5; 38 on second draw
drinking fountain in Classroom B7	16; 8.08 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 3	34

Spring Creek

drinking fountain in gymnasium	6.21 (parts per billion)
drinking fountain in corridor	5.55 on second draw; none detected first draw
water cooler in cafeteria	5.46
sink in Classroom 7	13.2
sink in Classroom 5	5.95

Summerdale

drinking fountain in gymnasium	56 parts per billion; 19.5 on second draw
drinking fountain in gymnasium	187; 51.8 on second draw
faucet in AV room	9.15; 11.3 on second draw
faucet in Office Room 4	101
faucet in EC Director's office	38.4
faucet in Classroom 3	19.8
faucet in Classroom 8	7.22; 6.91 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 2	5.7
faucet in Classroom 6	5.81; 24 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 1	5.2
faucet in Classroom 5	9.28; 9.01 on second draw
nurse's office sink	93.1; 198 on second draw
teacher's lounge/workroom	16.3; 12.4 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 17	6.97; 10.1 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 16	11.8; 9.87 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 12	13.6; 9.16 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 15	125; 10.5 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 10	159; 103 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 14	23.5; 39 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	187; 60.7 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 10	47.6; 511 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 13	22.2; 1,140 on second draw
faucet in Classroom 9	11.5; 1,130 on second draw

Thompson

Sink in Classroom 9	10.6 (parts per billion)
Drinking fountain in corridor	12.8
Kitchen sink	24.6
Sink in Classroom 10	169
Sink in Faculty Lounge	10.8
Drinking fountain in corridor	6.9
Sink in Nurse's office	27

Washington

Sink in Classroom 18	6.7 (parts per billion)
Kitchen sink in Room 21	10.6
Sink in Nurse's office	9.01
Drinking fountain in 2 nd floor corridor	9.02 (7.04 on second draw)
Drinking fountain in 2 nd floor corridor	5.99

Welsh

sink in Classroom 115	5.04 (parts per billion)
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West View

sink in teacher work room	9.73 (parts per billion)
drinking fountain in corridor	25.4 (8.69 on second draw)
drinking fountain in corridor	26.4
drinking fountain in corridor	5.09
drinking fountain in corridor	67.9
drinking fountain in corridor	1,430; 15.6 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	5.54; 5.11 on second draw
drinking fountain in cafeteria	85.4; 32.9 on second draw
drinking fountain in corridor	7.42 on second draw (3.51 on first draw)

White Swan

No water samples registered at or above 5 parts per billion. All samples tested below the acceptable threshold.

Whitehead

No water samples registered at or above 5 parts per billion. All samples tested below the acceptable threshold.

For some context, the highest level found in Virginia Tech researchers' sample of homes in Flint, Mich., registered at 13,000 parts per billion.

While the Act requires testing, it does not require any action. But we're working to mitigate any issues because student and staff safety is our top priority. We're reviewing preliminary recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health and considering options, such as installing filters, automatic flushing systems or replacing fixtures. We're also removing fixtures that aren't in use.

We will share comprehensive results at rps205.com once our testing is complete. We are also sharing our results with the Illinois Department of Public Health. Find more information:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/lead>
- Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/lead-in-water>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Operations Department at 815-966-3066.

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