

Complying with LCRR



School and Childcare Facility Sampling

The Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) are in effect and require all Illinois Community Water Supplies to begin sampling 20% of elementary schools and registered childcare facilities annually starting in 2025.

Due May 15, 2025: Submit School/Childcare Inventory to IEPA

Each CWS must compile a list of all schools and registered childcare facilities served by the CWS using the [IEPA School and Child Care Facility Inventory Template](#)

- Here are helpful links for accessing the School and Child Care facilities:
 - Illinois State Board of Education school list: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Data-Analysis-Directories.aspx>
 - DCFS Childcare Provider list: <https://sunshine.dcf.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Daycare/ProviderLookup.aspx>
- IEPA defines elementary and secondary schools as follows:
 - Elementary school = a school comprising any span of grades including pre-school through grade 8.
 - Secondary school = a school comprising any span of grades beginning with the next grade following an elementary or middle school (usually 7, 8, or 9) and ending with or below grade 12. This definition includes both junior high schools and senior high schools.
- Submit the inventory spreadsheet via email to EPA.Leadandcopper@illinois.gov by May 15, 2025.

Provide Annual Notices to Facilities:

Each CWS is required to provide a notice to all schools and childcare facilities **annually**. This notice should include the health risks of lead and lead sampling information.

- The USEPA has provided guidance titled “3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities: A Training, Testing, and Taking Action Approach” and can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/3ts-reducing-lead-drinking-water>

Complete first round of 20% samples by December 31, 2025:

Each CWS must sample a minimum of 20% of elementary schools and 20% of childcare facilities on an annual, calendar year basis.

- The CWS must collect five samples per school and two samples per childcare facility at outlets typically used for consumption.
- All samples should meet the following criteria:
 - Taken from cold water taps
 - First draw samples
 - 8-18 hour stagnation period before sampling
 - 250 mL in volume

Document Sampling Progress and Update Inventory:

The CWS should document sampling and update the IEPA inventory with the following information:

- Date that CWS provided the required notice to facilities
- Number of facilities sampled
- A school's refusal to participate in the sampling
- Any secondary schools requesting sampling

FAQ:

- If a facility fails to respond after two good faith attempts or otherwise declines to participate in this monitoring program, the CWS may count it as part of its annual 20% minimum.
- Sampling of secondary schools is only required when requested by the school.
- If your CWS does not have any schools or childcare facilities, send an email to EPA.Leadandcopper@illinois.gov stating that your system does not have any schools or childcare facilities.

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