

Requirements – Lead Testing in Drinking Water at Child Care Facilities

State or City	Facilities Covered	Sampling Locations and Protocol	Frequency	Standard	Remediation	Parent Notification
Connecticut (1993) Statutes and Rules	Licensed child care centers (12 children outside their own homes on a regular basis) and group child care homes (7 to 12 children on a regular basis or is a family child care home that does not operate in a private family home).	At least one drinking water fountain and one faucet designated for food preparation.	With licensing application and every two years thereafter.	Greater than 15ppb.	Provide bottled water until remediation is completed.	None.
Illinois (2017) Statute Agency Directive ¹	Licensed facilities constructed before 2000 serving children under 6 years of age.	Kitchen and bathroom faucets, water foundations, handwashing sinks in infant/ toddler rooms. Submit samples to IEPA approved laboratory.	For existing licensed facilities and prior to initial licensing application. If lead detected, retesting required six months followed by every year thereafter until 2 consecutive post-mitigation tests indicate no lead.	If lead is detected (by approved laboratory). ²	Mitigation and implementation plan required.	Testing information, results, and mitigation efforts provided in enrollment materials. Results posted in building.
New Jersey (March 2017) Requirements	Licensed child care centers that are maintained for the care, development, or supervision of six or more children under 13 years of age for less than 24 hours a day.	All faucets used for drinking water or food preparation and 50% of other indoor faucets used by center. Test must be run by NJDEP certified lab.	Initial or renewal application, relocation of center, as requested by state.	Elevated level defined by NJDEP to pose risk of harm to children (currently above 15 ppb).	Provide bottled water for drinking and food preparation and label taps with warning. Take remedial action.	Results posted in building. Notify parents and NJDCF if elevated level found.

¹ Guidance is not finalized and is subject to change through the rulemaking process.

² Standard is stipulated in guidance that is subject to change through the rulemaking process. The final standard will likely be 2ppb.

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Oregon (effective 9/30/18)	Licensed and regulated child care facilities.	Follow EPA's 3Ts guidelines for sampling. Test must be run by ORELAP accredited laboratory.	By 9/30/18 for existing centers, prior to licensure, and every 6 years thereafter.	Equal to or greater than 15 ppb.	Provide bottled water or use taps with samples <15ppb, submit mitigation plan to OROCC, and take corrective action identified in approved plan within 30 days of approval.	Results posted in building. Notify all parents and guardians of results.
Rhode Island (1998) Regulations Statutes	Licensed child care program.	All taps used for food preparation, cooking and/ or drinking.	Prior to licensing and for license renewal if significant modifications made to plumbing system.	Equal to or greater than 15ppb in a flushed sample (at least one minute).	Provide bottled water, label taps with warning, and replace lead containing plumbing materials or use certified filter, or submit specific remediation plan for approval.	None.
Washington (May 2017) Quality Standards	Licensed early learning providers.	Fixtures used to obtain water for preparing food or infant formula, drinking or cooking. Tests must be analyzed at state accredited water lab.	Prior to licensing and every 6 years thereafter.	Levels above EPA Lead Action Level (currently 15 ppb). ³	Close the program or supply bottled water and consult with WADOH, notify state licensing agency.	Notify parents if above action level and again when levels are below action level.
New York City, NY (Sept. 2016) Health Code	Permitted child care service (any program providing child care for 5 or more hours/week, for more than 30 days in a 12-month period, to 3 or more children under 6 years of age).	Faucets and fountains.	Within 60 days of opening and every 5 years thereafter.	Equal to or greater than 15 ppb.	Provide bottled water until remedial actions in corrective action plan completed.	Results posted by city at Child Care Connect.

Definitions

EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NJDCF	New Jersey Department of Children and Families
OROCC	Oregon Office of Child Care
ORELAP	Oregon Environmental Lab Accreditation Program
PPB	Parts Per Billion
WADOH	Washington Department of Health

³ [In practice](#), Washington State uses a standard of 20 ppb.