

Attention Public Water Systems: Community PWS may adapt this form to notify schools of their results. An electronic copy of this form is located at the MassDEP website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/approvals/drinking-water-forms.html#9>.

## LEAD AND COPPER SAMPLING PROGRAM SCHOOL RESULTS

City/Town: Carver  
PWS Name: Carver High School Middle School  
PWS ID#: 4052064  
Date: 11/6/2017

Name of School or Childcare Facility: Carver High School Middle School

Sampling Address: 85 South Meadow RD

Date Sample Collected 9/22/2017 Sampling period: 6/1/2017 to 9/30/2017

Name of Sample Provider: Earle Howard Telephone No: 508-866-6244 Email address: howards@caver.org

Dear School Superintendent:

Thank you very much for your participation in the Carver High School Middle School and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Lead and Copper Sampling Program. We encourage you to use these results in your Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA)<sup>1</sup> school or childcare facility program for evaluating lead and copper in your drinking water. For more information on the MassDEP LCCA program to assist schools and childcare facilities to evaluate and address lead and copper in drinking water please see the MassDEP contact information listed below.

The lead and copper levels in your school water samples for the period specified above are as follows:

Location	Results-milligrams per liter(mg/L)	Above the Action Level	At or Below the Action Level
KITCHEN	LEAD: <u>0</u> mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/> This result is above the lead Action Level.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This result is at or below the lead Action Level.
	COPPER: <u>0.084</u> mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/> This result is above the copper Action Level.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This result is at or below the copper Action Level.
FOUNTAIN	LEAD: <u>0</u> mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/> This result is above the lead Action Level.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This result is at or below the lead Action Level.
	COPPER: <u>0.189</u> mg/L	<input type="checkbox"/> This result is above the copper Action Level.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This result is at or below the copper Action Level.

Additional location Results attached? Yes  No

For schools, the Action Level for Copper is 1.3 mg/l. The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)<sup>2</sup> for copper is 1.3 mg/l. The MassDEP Action Level for Lead in school drinking water is 0.015 mg/l and it is more stringent than the federal Lead Action Level. Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA and MassDEP also set a MCLG for lead of zero. Both EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that "there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood"<sup>3</sup>, therefore MassDEP, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and Carver High School Middle School also recommend the following tips to keep any potential lead out of the water in your school:

- **Most importantly – Daily before the school is open, please flush all the taps and drinking water fountains at your school until after the water feels cold.** This good drinking water routine practice ensures the best water quality.
- Never use hot water from the faucet for drinking or cooking.
- Never boil water to remove lead. Boiling water for an extended time may make the lead more concentrated.

If your results were above the lead or copper Action Level, follow the MassDEP guidance (including reporting all corrective actions to the MassDEP) in the document titled "Follow-up Steps for Schools or Childcare Facilities Based on Lead and Copper Sampling Results" located at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/drinking/alpha/i-thru-z/pbfacts2.pdf>.

For More Information:

MassDEP Lead and Copper in drinking water:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/is-there-lead-in-my-tap-water.html>.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/drinking/alpha/a-thru-h/copperfs.pdf>.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/lead-and-other-contaminants-in-drinking-water.html#8>

MassDEP Drinking Water Program Contact: [program-director-dwp@state.ma.us](mailto:program-director-dwp@state.ma.us) and 617-292-5770

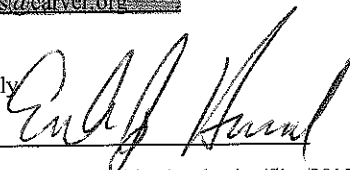
MDPH Lead and Copper in Drinking Water FAQ and Quick Facts: [www.mass.gov/dph/lead-sources](http://www.mass.gov/dph/lead-sources)

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>.

USEPA: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

If you have any questions regarding lead or copper in drinking water or your sampling results, please contact: Earle Howard 508-866-6244  
[howards@caver.org](mailto:howards@caver.org)

Sincerely,



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/epalccapamphlet1989.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. The Action Level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>