June 14, 2016

Dear Disney families,

In light of national events that have brought increased attention to the issue of water quality, the City of Chicago announced several additional precautionary measures that will be added to the City’s water testing protocol, continuing the City’s track record of complying with current state and federal regulations as well as exceeding industry standards.

As part of this announcement, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) began testing the water for levels of lead from all schools across the district. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff, and this testing was initiated out of an abundance of caution to ensure the water in our schools is safe. Schools are being tested based on a priority criteria that includes the age of the school, age of the students (with priority given to schools with pre-K programs), presence of a kitchen (where meals are prepared) and presence of pipes that could need repairs or replacement.

The results of all the schools are coming in on a rolling basis, and the majority have had levels under the EPA’s action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). At Disney, samples were tested from 54 sites and the water sampled from one sink was above the action level of 15 ppb: one sink on the first floor read at 18.1, 23.8 and 16.3 ppb. The water from the sink has since been turned off and remediation plans are being created.

Chicago’s water supply is free of lead when it leaves the treatment plant. However, lead can be found in some interior plumbing fixtures and materials, and lead found in tap water usually comes from the corrosion of these items. This explains why only one of the samples at Disney returned with elevated results – the issue is not system-wide, but is specific to the fixtures or pipes for that sink and will be addressed through the remediation plan. The full results of every school’s water samples can be found online at cps.edu/leadtesting.

Federal guidance indicates that children under the age of six are at the highest risk for harmful lead exposure, and they can be exposed to lead from a variety of sources, including paint, soil and even some consumer products. If you are concerned about your child’s possible lead exposure risks, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends going to your pediatrician or one of the local health care providers listed in the attachment for testing. Additionally, CDPH’s lead hotline can address any health related questions you may have or help you in deciding whether to have your child tested; for questions or more information, please call 312-747-5323. For additional information about lead and children, visit www.cdc.gov/lead.

The safety of your children is our highest priority, and we are doing everything in our power to address this situation in a quick and thorough manner. We will continue to keep you and your family informed throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Forrest Claypool
CEO, Chicago Public Schools

Dr. Julie Morita
Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health

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Community Meetings on CPS Lead Testing

During the week of June 20th, CPS will host community meetings with representatives from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Chicago Department of Water Management (DWM) to discuss the ongoing lead testing program at CPS schools.

Parents, families, and other members of our school communities are invited to attend any of the meetings listed below to learn more about the testing process itself and additional next steps.

Monday, June 20th
6PM
Mather High School
5835 N Lincoln Avenue
Chicago, IL 60659

Tuesday, June 21st
4PM
Michele Clark High School
5101 W Harrison Street
Chicago, IL 60644

Tuesday, June 21st
6PM
Payton High School
1034 N Wells Street
Chicago, IL 60610

Wednesday, June 22nd
6PM
Back of the Yards High School
2111 W. 47th Street
Chicago, IL 60609

Thursday, June 23rd
4PM
Hyde Park High School
6220 S Stony Island Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637

Thursday, June 23rd
6PM
Corliss High School
821 E. 103rd Street
Chicago, IL 60628

Friday, June 24th
4PM
Simeon High School
8147 S Vincennes Avenue
Chicago, Il 60620

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HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

- If your family has a medical home or a regular healthcare provider, please contact them first!

- If your family has the medical card, you are already assigned to a Primary Care Provider (medical home). If you go to a healthcare site, that is not your Primary Care Provider, you may have to pay an out-of-pocket fee. If you don’t know who your Primary Care Provider is, you can contact the Illinois Client Broker: [http://illinoisceb.com/](http://illinoisceb.com/) or you may call 1-877-912-8880.

- If you do not have health insurance or are willing to pay a sliding scale fee, you can find a healthcare provider, by calling 311 or go to: [http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx](http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx) to find a clinic near you. **Call the clinic first to make sure they are accepting new patients.**

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<td>3837 N. Broadway St</td>
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<td>4025 N. Sheridan Rd</td>
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<td>Sunnyside Health Center</td>
<td>4501 N. Sheridan Rd</td>
<td>773-878-6767</td>
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<td>Heartland Health Center Wilson</td>
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- If you do not have health insurance and want to enroll into a low cost/free health insurance plan (Medicaid) please contact one of the agencies below.

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<td>830 E. Irving Park Rd</td>
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<td>Lincoln Belmont Library</td>
<td>1659 W. Melrose St</td>
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