



## Safe Drinking Water Policy

Policy Safe Drinking Water Policy	<b>Adopted: January 9, 2017</b>
	<b>Reviewed:</b>

MCS will test for lead content in drinking water in the Mountain Christian School facility to ensure quality meets established guidelines under applicable and federal legislation, and will report results annually to the Ministry of Education.

MCS will complete lead testing on the school facility every three years.

### Mitigation Strategies

If sample results reveal lead levels above the maximum allowable concentration of 0.010 mg/L as stated from the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality by Health Canada, Mountain Christian School in consultation with their Regional Health Authority must commence daily flushing immediately, or deactivate and place a “Not in Use” sign on the water source.

Mitigation solutions may include;

1. Flushing regimes
2. Deactivation of water sources and supplemental signage
3. Installation of filtration systems
4. Plumbing upgrades
5. Or other steps that result in reducing the exposure to lead to acceptable levels

### Communication and Reporting Requirements

Should testing result in elevated levels of lead, MCS must immediately inform the Ministry of the issue. School districts shall collaboratively work with their Regional Health Authority to communicate the results of testing lead content in drinking water with parents, students and staff by describing the following;

- Rationale for testing lead in drinking water
- Identify partnership with the Regional Health Authority in solutioning
- State results of sampling
- Identify mitigation strategies implemented or being consider by the Board
- Provide contact information for the MCS Board and the Regional Health Authority for parents, students and staff to request further information

**Mountain Christian School must submit all their testing results annually to the Ministry by March 30th using the “Report for Testing Lead Content in Drinking Water of School Facilities” spreadsheet, as provided.**