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## **Alameda County Offers Support and Resources in Response to Elevated Lead Levels Detected in Water at Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Schools**

**Alameda County, CA** — In response to recent concerns raised by the discovery of lead in water of Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County is taking action by expanding access to critical information and resources, ensuring that our community has everything it needs to stay informed and supported during this time. The County has long prioritized maintaining safe and healthy school environments and is actively working to provide technical assistance and health education to school district officials.

### **Recommendations for Community Members:**

- **Learn more** about lead poisoning prevention resources and community trainings at: <https://www.achhd.org/>
- **Get Your Child Screened:** If your child attends one of the impacted schools, it is important to have them tested for lead exposure through their primary care provider (PCP). A blood lead screening, which can be a venous or capillary test, is the best way to determine exposure. A venous blood lead screening is the gold standard and more accurate than capillary testing.

### **Community Resources:**

- **Lead Notification Letter:** If parents have received a letter regarding possible lead exposure, take to your medical provider and request a blood lead test.
- **Alameda County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Case Management Services:** All blood lead screenings with results of 3.5 mcg/dL or higher will be automatically referred to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) for case management. The type of service provided will depend on the blood lead level, with more severe cases receiving full nursing case management. Once a new case is assigned, a Community Health Outreach Worker or Public Health Nurse will reach out to the family by phone.

- **Alameda County Public Health Department - Lead Poisoning and Water:** For information on lead poisoning prevention and guidance on addressing lead in drinking water, please visit the Alameda County Public Health Department's website: <https://acphd.org/lead-poison-prevention/lead-in-water/>
- **East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) - Water Quality and Lead Information:** For details on EBMUD's water quality, including information about lead and ongoing management efforts, please refer to EBMUD's website: <https://www.ebmud.com/water/about-your-water/water-quality>.

The County will continue to partner with the City of Oakland, as needed, as they determine how to use Lead Settlement funds they have been allocated (\$4.7M) to benefit Oakland residents, including children in OUSD and encourage the City of Oakland to facilitate the swift allocation of lead settlement discretionary funds. For more information, please contact Mariana Real, Policy and Communications Manager at, [mariana.real@acgov.org](mailto:mariana.real@acgov.org)