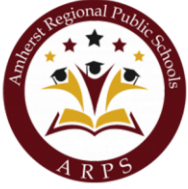


AMHERST, PELHAM, & AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS



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Superintendent



From the Desk of Dr. Xi: Wildwood Lead Testing Results

February 9, 2026

Dear Wildwood School Community,

I am writing to share an update and to ensure you have clear and timely information regarding recent water testing at Wildwood School.

Earlier this school year, our district volunteered to participate in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Smart Water Lead Testing Pilot Program. As part of this program, Wildwood School was recently tested. The results showed that 32 fixtures tested positive for low levels of lead, and five of those fixtures tested positive again after a 30-second flush.

I want to be very clear and reassuring: none of the drinking fountains, water bottle filling stations, or kitchen taps at Wildwood were found to have any detectable levels of lead. Students and staff continue to have access to safe drinking water at all times.

Both MassDEP and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommend that schools evaluate and address any fixtures used for drinking, cooking, or medical purposes that test above the laboratory detection limit of 1 part per billion. We take these recommendations seriously, and the health and safety of our students and staff remain our highest priority.

In response to these results, the district has taken the following steps:

- Signs have been posted at all affected taps.
- A flushing and water usage plan has been implemented to further limit any potential exposure.
- Filters at all hydration stations have been replaced as a precautionary measure.
- We are continuing our communication efforts to ensure caregivers, staff, students, and local officials have accurate and accessible information.

Like many school buildings across the Commonwealth, Wildwood has older plumbing and fixtures that can contribute to trace amounts of lead. Participating in this pilot program allowed us to identify these concerns early and take prompt, proactive action.

I appreciate your partnership and trust as we continue to prioritize transparency, safety, and care for our school communities.

MassDEP -- UMass Water-Smart Program Water Sample Analysis Results

Location: Amherst
Name of Facility: Wildwood Elementary School
Facility Type: Public School
Org Code: 00080050
Sample Date: 12/11/2025
Sampler Name: Kate, Amy, Beth
Laboratory: RI Analytical
Analytical Method: EPA 200.8
Method Detection Limit (MDL): 0.001 mg/L
Units of Measurement: (0.001 mg/L = 1 part per billion or ppb)

Location Type Code	Location Type
BF	Bathroom Faucet
CF	Classroom Faucet
DW	Drinking Water Bubbler
EC	Home Economics Room, Cold
KC	Kitchen Faucet, Cold
KI	Kitchen Ice Maker
KK	Kitchen Kettle
NS	Nurse's Office Sink
OT	Other Location
SC	Service Connector
WC	Water Cooler (chiller unit)

NOTES:
 'First Draw' means a 250 mL volume sample collected after an 8-18 hour stagnation period and prior to any other use of the fixture.
 'Flush' means a 250 mL volume sample collected from the flowing tap 30 seconds after the First Draw sample is collected.
 'MDL' is the minimum detection level that is reportable by the laboratory.
 'ND' (Non Detect) means a concentration less than the MDL.
 'Not Sampled' implies flush sample not collected because of common feed plumbing with adjacent fixture.
 Results in **red font** are concentrations greater than or equal to 15 ppb (0.015 mg/L).
 Results in **orange font** are concentrations between 1.5 and 14.99 ppb (0.0015 and 0.01499 mg/L) .
 Results in **blue font** are concentrations below 1.5 ppb (0.0015mg/L)

Number of FIRST DRAW Samples with Lead Concentration \geq 1.5 ppb (0.0015 mg/L):	32
Number of FLUSH Samples with Lead Concentration \geq 1.5 ppb (0.0015 mg/L):	5

Sample Location ID	Location Type	Location Description	Lead - First Draw (P)	Lead - Flush (F)	Lead - First Draw (P)	Lead - Flush (F)
			ppb		mg/L	
001	KC	FOOD PREP SINK BY DISH ROOM, LEFT	ND	ND	ND	ND
002	KC	FOOD PREP SINK BY DISH ROOM, RIGHT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
003	KK	KITCHEN KETTLE	ND	ND	ND	ND
004	WC	DINING ROOM 2, R, +080,081	ND	ND	ND	ND
005	WC	DINING ROOM 3, R, +082,083	ND	ND	ND	ND
006	CF	ROOM K-3	1.6	ND	0.0016	ND
007	DW	ROOM K-3	1.2	Not Sampled	0.0012	Not Sampled
008	CF	ROOM K-2	1.1	ND	0.0011	ND
010	CF	ROOM K-1	ND	ND	ND	ND
011	DW	ROOM K-1	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
012	CF	ROOM C-1, RIGHT	9.8	1.0	0.0098	0.0010
013	DW	ROOM C-1, RIGHT	7.2	Not Sampled	0.0072	Not Sampled

014	CF	ROOM C-2, LEFT	14.5	Not Sampled	0.0145	Not Sampled
016	CF	ROOM C-4, RIGHT	ND	ND	ND	ND
017	DW	ROOM C-4, RIGHT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
018	CF	ROOM C-3, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
019	DW	ROOM C-3, LEFT	1.1	Not Sampled	0.0011	Not Sampled
020	CF	ROOM D-1, RIGHT	ND	ND	ND	ND
021	DW	ROOM D-1, RIGHT	1.3	Not Sampled	0.0013	Not Sampled
022	CF	ROOM D-2, LEFT	1.1	Not Sampled	0.0011	Not Sampled
023	DW	ROOM D-2, LEFT	1.3	Not Sampled	0.0013	Not Sampled
024	CF	ROOM D-4, RIGHT	20.0	4.1	0.0200	0.0041
026	CF	ROOM D-3, LEFT	6.6	Not Sampled	0.0066	Not Sampled
027	DW	ROOM D-3, LEFT	7.0	Not Sampled	0.0070	Not Sampled
028	CF	ROOM E-1, LEFT	1.5	ND	0.0015	ND
029	DW	ROOM E-1, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
030	CF	ROOM E-2, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
031	DW	ROOM E-2, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
032	CF	ROOM E-4, RIGHT	5.1	3.6	0.0051	0.0036
033	DW	ROOM E-4, RIGHT	4.3	Not Sampled	0.0043	Not Sampled
034	CF	ROOM E-3, LEFT	5.9	Not Sampled	0.0059	Not Sampled
035	DW	ROOM E-3, LEFT	3.6	Not Sampled	0.0036	Not Sampled
036	WC	COOLER IN SMALL ROOM OFF GYM, LEFT, +079	ND	ND	ND	ND
037	WC	COOLER IN SMALL ROOM OFF GYM, RIGHT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
038	CF	ROOM F-3, RIGHT	2.3	2.4	0.0023	0.0024
039	DW	ROOM F-3, RIGHT	4.2	Not Sampled	0.0042	Not Sampled
040	CF	ROOM F-4, LEFT	2.1	Not Sampled	0.0021	Not Sampled
041	DW	ROOM F-4, LEFT	1.9	Not Sampled	0.0019	Not Sampled
042	CF	ROOM F-2, LEFT	3.3	ND	0.0033	ND
043	DW	ROOM F-2, RIGHT	10.3	Not Sampled	0.0103	Not Sampled
044	CF	ROOM F-1, LEFT	6.4	Not Sampled	0.0064	Not Sampled
045	DW	ROOM F-1, LEFT	17.0	Not Sampled	0.0170	Not Sampled
046	CF	ROOM G-3, RIGHT	1.5	ND	0.0015	ND
048	CF	ROOM G-4, LEFT	19.5	Not Sampled	0.0195	Not Sampled
050	CF	ROOM G-2, RIGHT	2.3	ND	0.0023	ND
051	DW	ROOM G-2, RIGHT (SLOW)	5.4	Not Sampled	0.0054	Not Sampled
052	CF	ROOM G-1, LEFT	2.0	Not Sampled	0.0020	Not Sampled
053	DW	ROOM G-1, LEFT	4.9	Not Sampled	0.0049	Not Sampled
054	CF	ROOM H-3, RIGHT	ND	ND	ND	ND
055	DW	ROOM H-3, RIGHT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
056	CF	ROOM H-4, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
057	DW	ROOM H-4, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
058	CF	ROOM H-2, RIGHT	ND	ND	ND	ND
059	DW	ROOM H-2, RIGHT	1.2	Not Sampled	0.0012	Not Sampled
060	CF	ROOM H-1, LEFT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
061	DW	ROOM H-1, LEFT	1.7	Not Sampled	0.0017	Not Sampled
062	CF	ART ROOM, 1ST ON RIGHT	11.2	1.2	0.0112	0.0012

063	CF	ART ROOM, 2ND ON RIGHT	2.5	1.1	0.0025	0.0011
064	CF	ROOM A	ND	ND	ND	ND
066	CF	ROOM B	2.7	ND	0.0027	ND
070	WC	COOLER BY OFFICE, LEFT, +078	ND	ND	ND	ND
071	WC	COOLER BY OFFICE, RIGHT	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
072	NS	HEALTH ROOM COUNTER SINK	4.7	ND	0.0047	ND
074	OT	VAULT ROOM/TEACHERS LOUNGE BY OFFICE	6.0	1.5	0.0060	0.0015
075	OT	TEACHERS LOUNGE BY WORK ROOM	5.9	1.4	0.0059	0.0014
076	OT	LIBRARY WORK ROOM	22.3	5.1	0.0223	0.0051
078	OT	BOTTLE FILLER BY OFFICE, LEFT @070	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
079	OT	BOTTLE FILLER IN SMALL RM OF GYM, LEFT, @036	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
080	WC	DINING ROOM 2, LEFT, @004	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
081	OT	DINING ROOM 2, LEFT BOTTLE FILLER, @004	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
082	WC	DINING ROOM 3, LEFT, @005	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled
083	OT	DINING ROOM 3, LEFT BOTTLE FILLER, @005	ND	Not Sampled	ND	Not Sampled