

March 19, 2025

**Subject:** MPS Lead Safety Update – Clinic Results, School Inspections & Next Steps

Dear MPS Families and Staff,

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) continue working together to assess and address lead hazards in school buildings. We appreciate your patience and engagement as we provide the latest updates.

### Lead Screening Clinic Results

On Saturday, March 15, MHD, MPS, Children's Wisconsin, and Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers hosted a free lead screening clinic at Bradley Tech. **A total of 249 children were screened**, and the results are as follows:

- To protect the privacy of the children screened on Saturday, we cannot disclose exact numbers when totals are below 10 or percentages are below 5%. However, we can share that **a very small number of children tested above the CDC's reference value of 3.5 µg/dL, and some of them do not attend MPS schools**. These cases were all low enough that they do not require nursing case management from MHD.
- **91% of children screened were from the originally targeted schools** (Golda Meir Lower Campus, Kagel, Maryland Avenue Montessori, Trowbridge, Starms Early Childhood Center, Fernwood, and LaFollette).
- **94% of children screened attend MPS schools.**

For families who could not attend this event, additional pop-up screening clinics are available. Lead testing is the only way to determine lead exposure, and we encourage families to take advantage of these opportunities. A full list of upcoming screening clinics is available at [www.milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead](http://www.milwaukee.gov/MPS-Lead) and [mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport](http://mpsmke.com/mpsleadreport).

### School Clearances & Inspection Schedule

We are pleased to share that both Golda Meir Lower Campus and Maryland Avenue Montessori have passed their clearance checks following final rounds of testing this week. This means that lead dust levels meet established safety standards, and no further remediation is required at this time. MPS will continue implementing enhanced cleaning protocols to maintain safe conditions.

Additionally, MHD and MPS are developing a rolling inspection schedule for schools across the district. This will ensure a systematic approach to identifying and addressing potential lead hazards. More details will be shared as this plan progresses.

### School Closures & Next Steps

Starms Early Childhood Center, Fernwood Montessori, and LaFollette School remain closed as MPS works to complete the necessary cleaning and remediation efforts. MHD will conduct additional checks at each of these schools. Updates will be provided to impacted families as soon as we have more information on reopening timelines.

**Commitment to Safe Remediation Practices**

MPS has stated to MHD that remediation and subsequent cleaning are not occurring while students and staff are present. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all building occupants and to prevent further lead dust exposure.

**Upcoming Virtual Town Halls for Families**

MHD, MPS, and Children's Wisconsin are working together to host virtual town halls to give families an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. More details, including dates and registration information, will be shared soon.

We remain committed to keeping you informed and will continue providing updates as this work moves forward. Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring the health and safety of all MPS students and staff.

**Sincerely,**

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City of Milwaukee Health Department

**Office of School Administration**  
Milwaukee Public Schools