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TO: School Superintendents

SUBJECT: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Webinar Announcement and Reminders

The attached letter from the NYS Department of Health invites you to participate in a webinar concerning lead testing in school drinking water requirements for the 2020 calendar year and provides additional reminders. The letter is being transmitted on behalf of Roger Sokol, Director of Division of Environmental Health Protection.

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Re: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Webinar Announcement and Reminders

Dear Superintendent:

The New York State Department of Health (Department) will host **webinars on November 4, 2019 at 10:00 – 11:00 AM and November 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** to provide information and guidance on lead in school drinking water sampling and reporting for the 2020 compliance period required by the Lead Testing in School Drinking Water regulations (Subpart 67-4 of Title 10 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations). All school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services must perform the required drinking water sampling between January 1 and December 31 of 2020.

The webinars will cover the same content but are offered on two dates for your convenience. Each webinar can accommodate up to 500 participants. To participate in a webinar, please use the following:

To join the webinar on November 4, 2019 at 10:00 – 11:00 AM, use:
https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=me5345426dca58a9f032ca0433c0fed1b

Meeting number: 642 464 652

Password: mmPQ32Fy

To join by phone, dial: 1-844-633-8697 (US Toll Free) or 1-518-549-0500 (Local)
Access code: 642 464 652

To join the webinar on November 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, use:
https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=ma7bcb15ae88aca429bb9d795de8df40b

Meeting number: 645 737 303

Password: ZukPsS7x

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In 2020, sampling results will again be reported through the Department's electronic reporting system, HERDS, accessed through the Health Commerce System (HCS) at https://commerce.health.state.ny.us. In preparation for the upcoming sampling, the Department encourages schools to ensure that their HCS Coordinators and School Lead in Drinking Water Reporter roles are assigned and current in HCS prior to the 2020 sampling. As a reminder, HCS Coordinators and School Lead in Drinking Water Reporters must access their HCS accounts at minimum, every 180 days (6 months), to update passwords and maintain access to the system. HCS Coordinators and Reporters have up to 24 months to change an expired password. If an expired password is not updated within 24 months, the account is disabled, and the HCS Coordinator or Reporter must contact the Commerce Accounts Management Unit (1-866-529-1890) to receive a new password. More information about how to access HCS and HERDS in available at: https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/docs/gaining_access_to_hcs_and_herds.pdf

As the Department transitions to data collection for the 2020 compliance period, we will be closing the HERDS reporting surveys for the 2016 compliance period on December 31, 2019. If you have not done so already, please update your HERDS reporting survey for the 2016 compliance period to reflect post-remediation sample results obtained between 2016 to 2019 before December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions or need assistance adding a new HCS Coordinator or assigning the School Lead in Drinking Water Reporter role, please contact us at: lead.in.school.drinking.water@health.ny.gov or by phone at 518-402-7650. For general information about the Lead Testing in School Drinking Water program, please visit the Department's website at: https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm.

Sincerely,

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