

# **HURON PLAYSCHOOL CO-OPERATIVE INC.**

## **Safe Drinking Water Policy and Procedures**

Huron Playschool will follow the safe water recommendations set by the Ministry of the Environment for flushing and sampling for lead.

### **Sampling for Lead**

New amendments to *Ontario Regulation 243/07* that take effect July 1, 2017 will now require lead testing within Playschool for **all** fixtures used to provide drinking water and/or prepare food or drink for children. The Ministry requires that sampling be done every year on a rotational basis for all fixtures used to provide drinking water for children. Playschool will test both sinks in the playroom and the end branch tap in the kitchen (near the handwashing). Sampling is done between May 1 and October 31<sup>st</sup> each year by a licensed laboratory.

An inventory of all fixtures and a record of sampling is stored in the Safe Water Policy book for inspection by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Education.

### **Flushing**

Step One:

The cold water will be turned on for at least five minutes at the last tap on each branch or run of pipe in the plumbing that serves as the tap that is commonly used to provide water for consumption by the children at Huron Playschool. At Huron Playschool the kitchen handwashing tap is the tap for the five minute flush. The flushing will be completed before the Playschool opens every Monday (or the first day of the week) at 8:45.

Step Two:

After completing step one the cold water must be turned on for at least 10 seconds at every tap that is commonly used to provide water for consumption by the children at Huron Playschool. At Huron Playschool the playroom taps are flushed for 10 seconds (the two sinks in the playroom). The sink in the washroom and in the kitchen that is not flushed will be posted for handwashing (and dishwashing) only.

Each flush will be recorded and the record will be maintained on site for at least six years.

Effective July 1, 2017, all taps will be tested on a rotational basis (one playroom tap in 2017, the kitchen tap in 2018 and the second playroom tap in 2019), and then as directed by the Ministry (either on an annual basis or on a reduced basis if the Ministry determines the Playschool is eligible for reduced sampling).

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