



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Mānoa Elementary School
3155 Mānoa Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Hawaii Department of Education and the Hawaii Department of Health partnered with us to test the drinking water for lead at Hawaii elementary schools. On 6/2/2022, samples were taken from all taps used for drinking or food preparation at Mānoa Elementary School and tested for lead. Results have returned. None of the taps at our school have lead levels above the project action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). However, at least one (1) tap had lower levels of lead present in the drinking water. The full results can be viewed at health.hawaii.gov/WIIN/results by clicking the link for schools in our county and then searching by our school name.

An action level of 15 ppb was set for this project and any results above this action level require the affected tap(s) to be blocked from use until the problem can be corrected. Because lead can be harmful to children even in smaller amounts, the Department of Health recommends schools with lower levels of lead take corrective action to decrease the amount of lead present in the drinking water. Corrective action can include such options as:

- Flushing the water before use until a uniform temperature is reached (no less than 30 seconds)
- Using a filter certified to remove lead and periodically replacing filter cartridges
- Frequent cleaning of aerators
- Using the identified fixture for handwashing only and using bottled water for drinking/cooking
- Replacing the faucet or plumbing with certified lead free materials

Our school is working with the Department of Education and the Department of Health to minimize students' exposure to lead from drinking water.

Childhood lead exposure remains a concern for many of Hawaii's keiki as children can be exposed to lead from many sources in their homes and communities.

- If you are concerned about your child's potential lead exposure please contact your child's doctor to discuss blood lead testing.
- If you have general questions about childhood lead exposure please visit lead.hawaii.gov
- If you have questions about this project or the results, please contact the Hawaii Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HI-CLPPP) at (808) 586-4345 or visit the project webpage at health.hawaii.gov/WIIN.

Sincerely,

Jason Okamoto
Principal