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Possible lead exposure at Hough Elementary in Vancouver may prompt inquiries to providers



Summary

Clark County Public Health recently visited Hough Elementary School in Vancouver in response to a citizen complaint about mold. While at the school, Public Health staff noticed chipping paint around classroom windows and, given the age of the building, was concerned about the possibility of lead-based paint.

A lead specialist from Public Health performed a screening test, which indicated the presence of lead in the chipping paint. Vancouver Public Schools is arranging additional testing to assess the amount of lead present. Public Health is in the process of determining which children should have their blood-lead levels tested but has not yet issued testing recommendations.

Vancouver Public Schools notified parents and staff at Hough Elementary School today about the potential lead exposure. This may result in calls to local health care providers by parents with concerns about lead exposure and requests for blood-lead level tests.

Health care providers should consider testing children per clinical judgment. For additional information about blood lead testing and reporting, visit the Washington Department of Health website.

www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/ProfessionalResources/BloodLeadTestingandReporting