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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: School Business Administrators, Facility Managers
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NJDEP Provides Guidance for Implementing a Flushing Program in Schools

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has issued [guidance for implementing flushing programs at school facilities](#).

Flushing removes water that has been stagnant in the water outlet and/or interior plumbing, depending on the duration of flushing. The NJDEP and the New Jersey Department of Education strongly recommend that all schools review this guidance and implement a flushing program for school facilities that have experienced and/or are continuing to experience significantly low water usage due to COVID-19-related school closures.

Contact information

If you have questions specifically regarding flushing, please email the NJDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at watersupply@dep.nj.gov with "School flushing guidance" and your school name in the subject line.

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