



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter Schools and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Contracted Child Care and Head Start Programs
Route To: Business Administrators
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Division of Field Services

2020-2021 Submission of Lead Testing Statement of Assurance

By June 30 of each year, the entities listed below must submit a statement of assurance (SOA) to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regarding testing of lead in drinking water, pursuant to *NJAC 6A:26-12.4*.

Covered entities include:

- All New Jersey public school districts;
- Charter schools;
- Renaissance school projects;
- Jointure commissions;
- Educational services commissions;
- Approved private schools for students with disabilities acting under contract to provide educational services on behalf of New Jersey public school districts;
- State-funded early childcare facilities pursuant to *NJAC 6A:13A* (contracted child care and Head Start programs); and
- Receiving schools as defined by *NJAC 6A:14-7.1(a)*.

The SOAs will be completed online. Since New Jersey regulations do not require covered entities to conduct lead testing every year and because some covered entities are exempt from lead testing requirements pursuant to *NJAC 6A:26-12.4(i)*, the NJDOE has provided three (3) SOAs to address multiple scenarios, as indicated below:

- If your entity was not required to conduct lead testing during the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the “[Non-Lead Testing Year](#)” SOA. This will be the most common scenario.
- If your entity is exempt from lead testing, please complete the “[Lead Testing Exempt Year](#)” SOA. This is applicable if the entity previously demonstrated that they do not use any drinking water outlets for consumption or food preparation in any of their facilities and was approved by the NJDOE for an exemption from testing requirements.
- If your entity conducted lead testing during the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the “[Lead Testing Year](#)” SOA, which contains a checklist. Some examples for the use of this SOA and checklist would be the opening of a new facility or the use of a district facility that had previously been closed.

Please email questions to leadtesting@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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