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The Manitoba government is moving forward with an action plan to proactively mitigate exposure to sources of lead. Child care centres have been identified for precautionary lead testing to ensure the safety of infants and young children.

The Manitoba Government is currently working to identify a proponent to conduct this proactive and precautionary lead testing. Once the contract has been awarded, you will be contacted to determine how many tests your centre requires and provided with instructions to conduct and mail back the drinking water test for lead within your centres.

Please be assured that the Manitoba Government will be establishing grant funding to support child care centres that need to undertake any repairs or improvements as a result of testing. More information on the grant funding will be made available to child care centres in the near future.

Your support in addressing this issue is greatly appreciated. If you have questions regarding lead in drinking water testing, please contact Nancy Eidse at Nancy.Eidse@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-5776. If centres have any other questions, they can contact their designated ELCC Coordinator.

Please see the Government of Manitoba's News Release for more information <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=49305&posted=2020-09-28>

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