



## Flushing for Lead – Safe Drinking Water Policy

It is the policy of Angus Valley Montessori Schools Inc (“Angus Valley Montessori”), to ensure that **all plumbing** is to be **flushed daily** before children enter the program **each day of week**. This is in accordance with The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (CCEYA)

Therefore Angus Valley Montessori will ensure that:

- All taps that are used for **food preparation** or **drinking water** will be flushed.
- All taps will be labeled as either hand washing or drinking water tap.
- All the drinking water taps will be identified & will be given a fixture number. E.g (T01-1). This ID number begins with a T to indicate tap. The 01 is the number assigned to that fixture. The -1 suffix indicates 1st floor.
- **All flushing** will be undertaken before the facility opens for business, **every day of the week**.
- **OPEN THE COLD WATER TAPS** where water is usually taken for **drinking or food preparation** and allow the water to **RUN AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES** on each day the program is open.
- **The flushing continues until the temperature of the water stabilizes.**
- The flushing is **completed before the campus** opens for the day.
- A record is made of the **date and time** of every flushing and **the name of the person** who performed the flushing.
- The **records are kept in a binder** in the kitchen and will be kept **for 6 years**.
- This flushing will be the **responsibility of the early shift staff** each morning.
- **Staff will sign the policy** confirming that they have read and understand and abide by this policy.
- **Yearly laboratory water testing will be carried out on a yearly basis** between months of May 1 to Oct 31. Annual testing results will be submitted to the ministry of environment.
- **Exceeded of lead in test result will be notified to the Ministry of Education**, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Environment within seven days, with action taken and resolved.
- **All people / agencies have to be contacted re: “exceeding lead levels”.**
- **All records and a copy of the yearly Laboratory test will be available for inspection by** any member of the **public**, during normal business hours, without charge.
- **All yearly records** will be provided to the Board of Directors and **will be discussed at the first Board meeting following the results.**