Guidelines for Water Use in Schools

• Before using tap water for drinking, water fountains, or cooking, run the tap on cold for one to two minutes.

• Never use hot water for drinking or cooking.

• Students 5 years of age or younger should use filtered (NSF53 certified filter) water if available. If filtered water is not available, they should drink bottled water.

• If you have employees who are pregnant, they should use filtered (NSF53 certified filter) water if available. If filtered water is not available, they should drink bottled water.

• If you are not sure whether the filter you are using is NSF53 certified, go to http://info.nsf.org/Certified/DWTU and enter the appropriate information.

• You should ensure that any points where employees or students have access to public drinking water are flushed before first consumption each day.

• If you are still concerned about lead levels, contact the Mississippi State Department of Health’s Public Health Laboratory to order a lead sampling kit at 601.576.7582. The cost is $15 for Jackson customers.

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