Dear Parents & Staff:

Subj: DRINKING WATER AT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, YOUTH CENTER, TEEN CENTER, GYM, AND OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS

Encl: (1) Overview of Results & Actions for Building 2070  
(2) Floor Plan of Building 2070  
(3) Complete Test Results of all Locations

The safety and wellness of children at our Child Development Center (CDC), Youth Center (YC), Teen Center (TC), Gym, and Outdoor Play Areas (OPAs) are my top priority. In my earlier letter announcing our lead in Drinking Water Testing program, I told you we are testing all water outlets that could potentially be used for cooking, washing, or drinking at our CDCs, YC, TC, Gym, and OPAs.

We received the results of testing of 162 drinking water outlets at all these locations. Of these, only one outlet tested higher than the 15 parts per billion (ppb) screening level for lead, which is a level designated by Navy policy to take action with additional testing and corrective measures. Lead in drinking water may come from the existing plumbing inside buildings including fittings, solder, water coolers, or water faucets. Lead is more likely to be found in drinking water when the water has not been run for an extended period of time and has been sitting in the system.

The lead level was higher than the Navy policy screening level at a kitchen faucet used for handwashing at CDC Building 2070. The result was 20 ppb. After receiving the test results on May 16, we immediately took the sink out of service and permanently removed it on June 25. Details on the corrective actions are discussed in the attached Overview of Results & Actions. Also enclosed are complete test results of all the locations tested and a floor plan of Building 2070 that indicates the location of the fixture that had lead levels higher than the Navy policy screening level.

Here are some additional resources you may find informative:

EPA (lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers): https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-drinking-water-schools-and-child-care-facilities
Annual water quality report at your home:

Drinking Water Taste, Odor, and Color:
https://www.epa.gov/dwstandardsregulations/secondary-drinking-water-standards-guidancenuisance-chemicals

If you have any health questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provider or, if you are a TRICARE beneficiary, use the Naval Hospital Jacksonville Appointment Center to schedule an appointment with your primary care provider at (904) 542-4677.

I am committed to the safety and health of all personnel and family members using our facilities.

Sincerely,

M. P. Connor
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

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