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| **Recommendations for Licensed Food Establishments****Using City of Essexville Water****November 20, 2019** |

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| **ATTENTION:** **Your municipality’s water source has been identified as having** **an Action Level Exceedance for lead.****The following recommendations apply to licensed restaurants, grocery stores,** **convenience stores, food processors and food warehouses.****Testing your water with a certified lab is the only way to find out how much lead is in your drinking water.** Safe results can be posted to inform your customers. Visit Michigan.gov/EGLElab and choose “Drinking Water Laboratory” to learn how to order a test kit. The cost is typically $30. If you have questions about testing your water, you can contact MDHHS at 517-284-4115.* The best way to determine if water contains lead is to have it tested. Safe results can be posted to inform consumers.
* A licensed plumber can check your plumbing and service lines for lead soldering or lead

service lines.* Restaurants with general questions should contact the Bay County Health Department

at: 989-895-4107* Grocery stores, food production facilities or food warehouses with general questions should

contact MDARD at: 1-800-292-3939.**Unless the water has been tested and found to not have a lead concern, do the following:*** If a filter is not in use, flush water lines for at least 5 minutes each day before using or serving

 water and after 6 hours of no water use. Then flush other equipment, such as equipment listed below,  for at least 1-2 minutes.* Install an NSF Standard 53 certified filter on the faucet where drinking/cooking water is obtained. Approved filter information for faucet or in-line filters can be found at:

 <http://info.nsf.org/Certified/DWTU/listings_leadreduction.asp>. Filters must be changed based on the  manufacturer’s recommendations.* Use cold water and store it for immediate consumption.
* Always use cold water for drinking, cooking and cleaning/rinsing food.

**For other equipment that may use City of Essexville water:*** Ice machines – Install a water filter on the supply line or use bagged ice from an approved

source for drinking water.* Pop machines – After initial flushing as described above, flush for 1 minute daily or use

bottled beverages.* Coffee machines – After initial flushing as described above, flush for 1-2 minutes daily or use filtered water. These products may be very low risk as young children under 6 are not likely to consume these.
* Slush machines – Use filtered water.
* Spray misters – After initial flushing as described above, flush for 1-2 minutes daily or use

filtered water.**Find more information on water testing resources at https://www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe** |

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