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Dear Home-based Child Care Provider,

**Re: Free Water Testing for Lead in Drinking Water**

The City of [Name] is offering free water sample testing for lead in drinking water for Home-based Child Care Providers. The Province of Manitoba and the City of [Name] strongly recommend that you test your drinking water for lead.

Lead exposure can effect the health of everyone, but fetuses, infants and young children are the most sensitive to lead exposure. The Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines state that lead concentration in drinking water should not exceed 0.005 mg/L and recommends that child care providers and schools test their drinking water for lead.

Water from the City of [Name] Water Treatment Plant meets the lead limit guidelines; however, lead can enter drinking water from residential lead based plumbing materials. Elevated lead concentrations at the tap are more likely in older homes, built before 1950. Testing the drinking water in your home will help the City of [Name] assess whether lead is present in residential drinking water and the best course of action to take if it exceeds guidelines.

If you are interested in this free testing, please phone or email the City of [Name] by [give date] using the contact information below. Participants will be selected on a first come first serve basis. If you are selected, The City of [Name] will advise you on how water samples will be collected.

1st contact name: phone: email

2nd contact name: phone: email

You will receive the results of your drinking water test. If your drinking water has elevated lead levels, the City of [Name] will provide you with advice on how you can reduce lead in your drinking water.

City of [Name] website [Link] has details on the lead in drinking water testing program and the Province of Manitoba website provides additional details on lead in drinking water: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water/lead/index.html>

Sincerely,

City representative