

McLaren Flint Water System Meets Safety and Quality Standards

With continued focus on water quality in the City of Flint, we want to reinforce with our patients, employees, physicians, volunteers and the community that the water at McLaren Flint is safe and well within safety and quality standards.

It is important to understand that regular testing for both legionella and lead continues to show that the water supply at McLaren Flint meets and exceeds safety and quality standards.

Following is information regarding the actions, strategies and equipment that have been put into place that ensure the safety and quality of the water system at McLaren Flint.



Drinking Fountain/Bottle Filling Stations

Starting in Summer 2015, McLaren Flint replaced nine drinking fountains with Filtered Bottle Filling Stations that deliver a clean quick water bottle fill. These water systems are filtered for lead, Class 1 Particulate, Chlorine, Taste and Odor.

Secondary Disinfection Water Treatment

Starting in Summer 2015, McLaren Flint purchased and installed five Monochloramine secondary disinfection water treatment systems to the hot water systems of the hospital. These systems cover all areas of McLaren Flint and represent a \$300,000 investment. Monochloramine disinfects domestic hot water plumbing systems and has been determined to be the best and most state-of-the-art approach to water quality control in healthcare facilities.

Bottled Water Delivery

Continuously since August 2015, McLaren Flint has delivered 5-gallon bottles of reverse osmosis water to all patient care, visitor and employee areas throughout the facility to allow patients, visitors and staff a choice regarding their drinking water source

for consumption. **Despite the fact that water testing results are within safety and quality standards, we are continuing to provide this water specifically to support peace of mind with patients, visitors and staff.**

Since August 2015, McLaren Flint Food Services has provided each patient with an 8 oz. bottle of water with each meal, also to support peace of mind.



Janet Stout, PhD, a clinical and environmental microbiologist and President of Special Pathogens Laboratory supported the strategies that have been implemented and noted due to the aggressive actions that have been taken, "the water at McLaren Flint is probably safer than anywhere else."

Testing

Due to the change in the City of Flint water in the past two years, McLaren Flint has continually tested (usually every 6-8 weeks) for legionella and heavy metals (lead and copper) and has also conducted numerous tests which analyzed the entire chemistry of our water. Tests show that McLaren Flint meets safety and quality standards.

Water Safety Plan

In Summer 2014, in response to quality concerns related to water from the City of Flint, McLaren Flint developed a Water Committee, made up of Administration, Safety, Risk Management, Infection Control, Quality and Engineering Services to oversee all water related concerns and changes to our systems. The committee oversees the hospital's Water Safety Plan, which was developed in consultation with national experts in the field of water quality and safety.

The health and safety of our patients, employees, physicians, visitors and volunteers is our highest priority at McLaren Flint, and we are committed to remaining vigilant in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all who come to our facility.

