
From the Office of the Medical Health Officer

Date: April 6, 2016
To: Physicians – Pemberton
cc: Physicians - Whistler
From: Paul Martiquet, Medical Health Officer
Re: Lead and Drinking Water – Pemberton Update

A public meeting was held on April 5th to address the issue of lead levels found in the drinking water in the Village of Pemberton. It was apparent that levels of anxiety are high among the residents. The overall message was that people want to be reassured that their children's blood lead levels are not affected by lead in the standing water in their plumbing.

I would like family physicians to consider each patient on a case by case basis and if testing is warranted to encourage patients to share their results with the community. **Please communicate any lead results to me as well.** If levels are high we will have to consider other sources of exposure in the home as well as the water.

Once again, please reinforce that the solution to this exposure is to run the taps till cold before drinking the water.

I hope this helps with your continued communication to your patients about this issue. Please contact me if you have any questions or further concerns. I can be reached at 604-886-5600 or via email at paul.martiquet@vch.ca.