

New protocol for surfaces higher than 70" at Goodfellow

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Dear Goodfellow Environmental Program Subscribers,

Less than two percent of recent wipe samples — primarily taken from areas on the floor and from surfaces higher than 70 inches — indicated levels of lead in settled dust at or above GSA's internal action limit of 10 micrograms per square foot. These are the most stringent guidelines available from [EPA](#) and [HUD](#), which GSA Region 6 compares its sampling results of lead in settled dust to and then decides to take action, such as recleaning and resampling the area.

Although there is a low probability, it is possible that tenants could come in contact with these surfaces, especially when moving out of their space. GSA is in the process of contracting a one-time cleaning of horizontal surfaces above 70 inches in tenant areas. Until the high cleaning can be completed, we advise that you avoid touching surfaces above 70 inches high without protection. Contact your agency health and safety personnel prior to access.

GSA's recent air sampling has not indicated airborne contaminants that would necessitate any different protocol. As tenants move out of space, there is a potential that removing furniture, fixtures and equipment reveals dusty areas that were not able to be included in GSA's ongoing enhanced housekeeping program. Therefore, GSA is also working to conduct a one-time thorough cleaning of tenant spaces after they are vacated.

GSA's full sampling reports and summaries of recent wipe and air sampling are to be published at gsa.gov/goodfellowreadingroom within a week. If you have questions about this information, please email R6environmental@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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