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Deadline Approaching to Register for Final PFOA Blood Draw Clinic

June 6 blood draw clinic for eligible people in Bennington and No. Bennington area

BURLINGTON — The Vermont Department of Health is reminding people in Bennington and North Bennington affected by PFOA contamination of drinking water, that May 24 is the deadline to sign up for the eleventh – and final – PFOA blood draw clinic scheduled for June 6.

The blood draw clinics, conducted with support from Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, are part of the State of Vermont's [response](#) to PFOA contamination of private drinking water wells in the North Bennington and Bennington area. Detections of PFOA in those areas have ranged from non-detect to nearly 3,000 parts per trillion.

The blood testing is a way for people to learn how the level of PFOA in their blood compares to average Bennington/North Bennington and national levels, and to people living in other communities that have PFOA contamination.

Following analysis of earlier blood test results, the department released its [PFOA blood test and exposure assessment results](#) this past January.

As with the previous blood draw clinics, participants will be mailed their individual test results. There is no cost to participants for either the blood draw or laboratory analysis.

PFOA Blood Draw Clinic

- **Date:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017
- **Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017
- **Clinic Location:** Bennington Local Health Office
healthvermont.gov/local/bennington

Eligibility –

A person is eligible for the blood test if:

1. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation tested the well of the home in North Bennington/Bennington where you live now, or where you lived any time in the past eight years. – and/or –
2. You worked or lived at the former Chemfab/Saint-Gobain site at 940/1030 Water Street in North Bennington, or you work or live there now. AND
3. You have not yet had your blood tested for PFOA by the Vermont Department of Health.

Registration –

To register for the June 6 clinic, complete the online registration form by May 24, 2017:

<http://survey.healthvermont.gov/s3/PFOA-Blood-Draw-Registration>.

- People who are eligible for the clinic will be contacted by Health Department staff to set an appointment.
- If you are not eligible, but want to have your blood tested for PFOA, please contact your health care provider.

For more information about the blood draw clinics, and about PFOA and health concerns, visit healthvermont.gov/response/environmental/pfoa-drinking-water-2016, or call the Health Department at 800-439-8550 weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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