

Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



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Introduction

The Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Toolkit was created for health care professionals as a reference guide for routine care of infants and children who may be at risk for lead exposure. This toolkit was developed by the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCPPP) and contains additional resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Section I contains patient education materials designed to assist the health care professional in providing anticipatory guidance and counseling about the dangers of lead poisoning. Section I also contains patient-centered resources that can be printed and distributed to patients and families.

Section II contains information for health care providers about current state guidelines regarding blood lead screening, reporting and management in the pediatric population. Relevant reporting forms are also provided in this section for further reference.

This tool kit is an informative resource to improve current practices in lead screening, prevention and management throughout Louisiana.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Prevention Program, Louisiana Office of Public Health, at 504-568-8254

How Is Louisiana Doing?

Key Points from the 2014 Annual Lead Report:

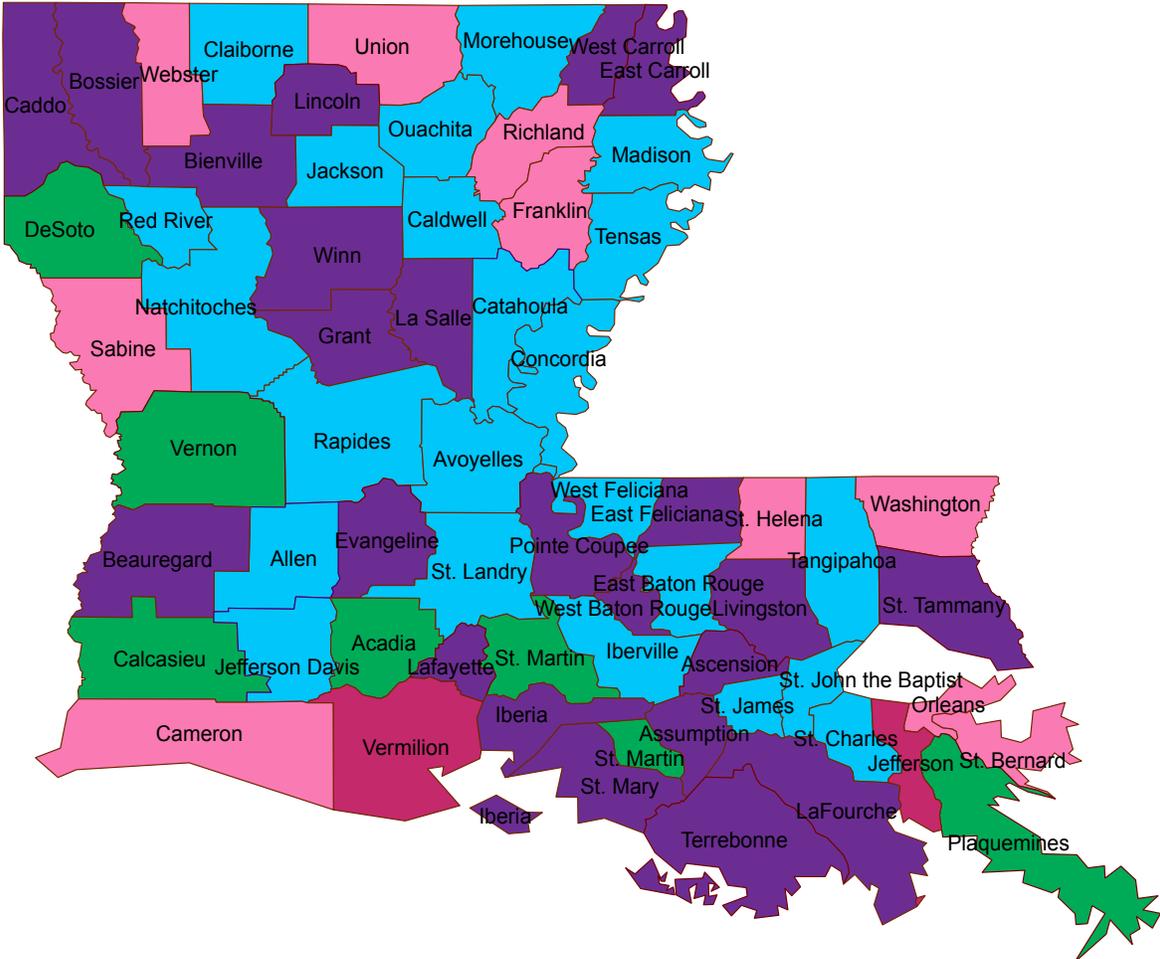
- ▶ In 2014, only **18.3%** of children younger than 6 years of age were screened for elevated blood lead levels in Louisiana. This rate decreased from 2010, when 21.2% of children under 6 years of age were screened.
- ▶ In 2014, **1,141** children were found to have elevated blood lead levels greater than ten micrograms per deciliter of blood.
- ▶ Of those screened, **4.2%** were between the ages of 6 and 11 months; **66.5%** between 12 and 35 months, and **29.3%** between 36 and 72 months.
- ▶ Blood lead level screening rates across parishes varies greatly, ranging from **<10%** to **>30%** in 2014.



More children need to be screened in Louisiana!

source: Louisiana Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System Report, 2014. Office of Public Health

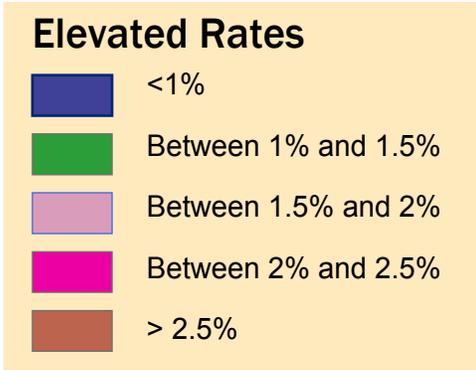
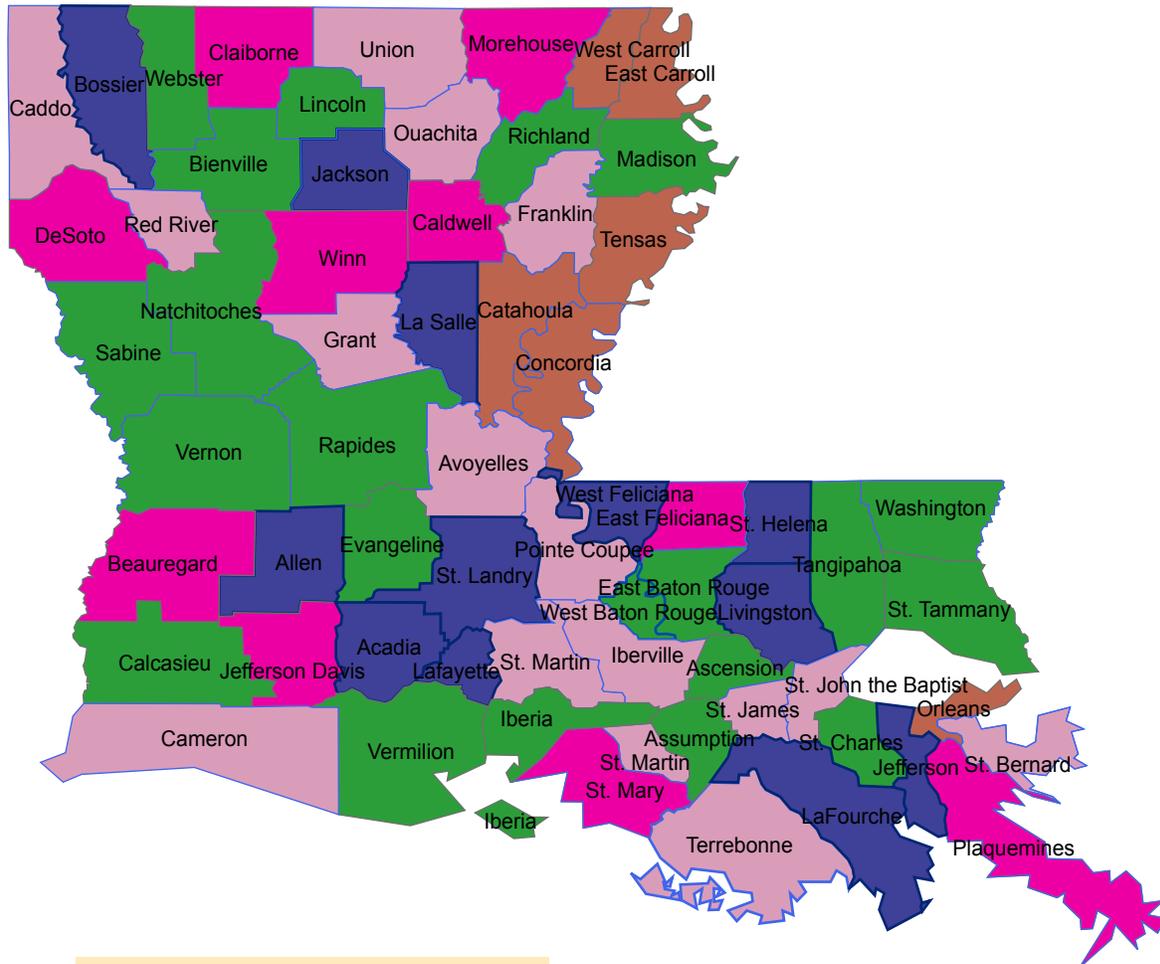
Distribution of Blood Lead Screening Rates by Parish 2014 Data



2014 Screening Rates

- <10%
- Between 10% and 15%
- Between 15% and 20%
- Between 20% and 30%
- >30%

Distribution of Elevated Blood Lead Level Rates by Parish 2014 Data



Section I: For the Parent

About Lead

Lead is a heavy metal commonly found in the environment. Lead can be inhaled, ingested or absorbed from the skin and can seriously harm systems of the human body. However, exposure to lead is most dangerous to developing brains in infants and toddlers. Because lead poisoning often presents without any symptoms, it is important to understand if your child is at risk of exposure and know how to protect your family from the dangers of lead poisoning.

What Are the Major Sources of Lead Exposure

- ▶ Lead-based paint, especially in homes built **before 1978**
- ▶ Drinking water obtained from lead pipes
- ▶ Dust and soil contaminated by lead paint
- ▶ Imported candy from Mexico
- ▶ Toys imported from outside of the US (especially beads and throws from parades)
- ▶ Cosmetics
- ▶ Hobby supplies found in local stores
- ▶ Antiques and Pottery from Mexico



The Health Effects of Lead Poisoning

Who Is At Risk for Lead Poisoning?

All children under 6 years of age are at risk for lead exposure. However, children who live in older housing, built before 1978, are at an increased risk due to risk of exposure to lead-based paint.

Signs and Symptoms of Lead Poisoning:

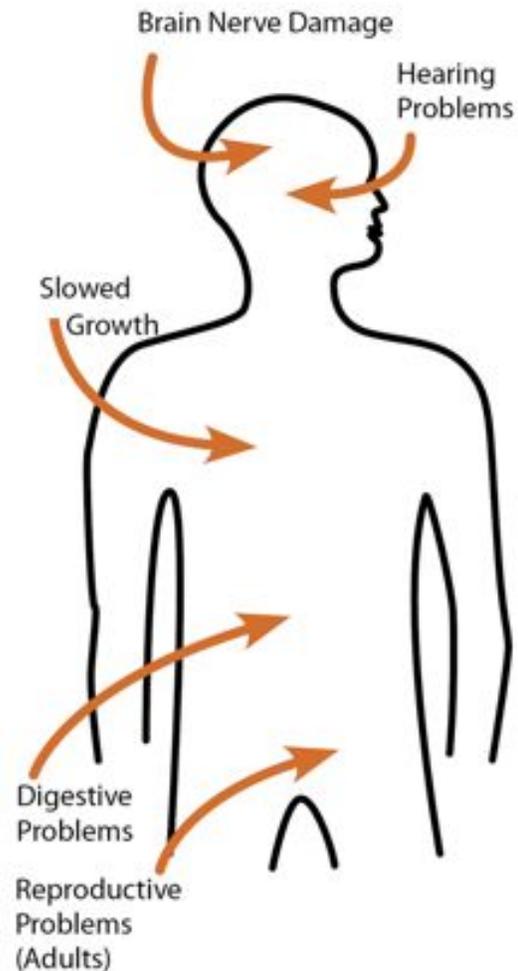
Children who have been exposed to low amounts of lead may present with any of the following symptoms and these symptoms may mimic those of viral illnesses.

- ▶ Fussiness
- ▶ Loss of appetite
- ▶ Weight loss
- ▶ Loss of energy
- ▶ Abdominal pain
- ▶ Vomiting
- ▶ Constipation
- ▶ Seizures
- ▶ Coma, possibly death

Long-Term Effects of Lead Poisoning:

Exposure to high amounts of lead can have devastating long-term effects in children and result in the following.

- ▶ Decreased muscle and bone growth
- ▶ Hearing damage
- ▶ Nervous system and kidney damage
- ▶ Attention disorders
- ▶ Behavioral problems
- ▶ Decreased intelligence
- ▶ Learning disabilities





U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development • Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

Lead

“Despite progress, lead poisoning remains one of the top childhood environmental health problems today.”

President’s Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children

Did you know...

- Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint?
- 24 million homes in the United States have peeling or chipping lead-based paint or high levels of lead in dust?
- Infants, children under six, and pregnant women should have their blood tested for lead?
- In the United States, children from low-income families are eight times more likely to get lead poisoned?

What is it?

Lead is a toxic metal used in a variety of products and materials. When lead is absorbed into the body, it can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs, like the kidneys, nerves, and blood. Some symptoms of lead poisoning may include headaches, stomachaches, nausea, tiredness, and irritability. Lead can also harm children without causing any obvious symptoms.

Both inside and outside the home, deteriorated lead-paint releases its lead, which then mixes with household dust and soil. Children can become lead poisoned by putting their hands or other lead-contaminated objects into their mouths, by eating paint chips found in homes with peeling or flaking lead-based paint, and from playing in lead-contaminated soil.

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Lead

In homes built before 1978, treat peeling paint as a lead hazard unless proven otherwise.



What can you do?

1. If your home was built before 1978:

- Mop smooth floors (using a damp mop) weekly to control dust.
- Vacuum carpets and upholstery to remove dust, preferably using a vacuum with a HEPA filter or a “higher efficiency” collection bag.
- Take off shoes when entering the house.
- Pick up loose paint chips carefully with a paper towel; wipe the surface clean with a *wet* paper towel.
- Take precautions to avoid creating lead dust when remodeling, renovating, or maintaining your home.
- Have it checked for lead hazards by a lead professional (including the soil).

2. For your child:

- Frequently wash your child’s hands and toys to reduce exposure.
- Use cold tap water for drinking and cooking.
- Avoid using home remedies (such as *arzacón*, *greta*, *pay-loo-ah*, or *litargirio*) and cosmetics (such as *kohl* or *alkohl*) that contain lead.
- Have your child’s blood lead level tested at age 1 and 2. Children from 3 to 6 years of age should have their blood tested, if they have not been tested before and:
 - They live in or regularly visit a house built before 1950;
 - They live in or regularly visit a house built before 1978 with on-going or recent renovations or remodeling; or
 - They have a sibling or playmate who has or did have lead poisoning.

For more information...

Visit HUD’s website at www.hud.gov/offices/lead for more information about addressing health hazards in homes or to learn if HUD has a Healthy Homes program in your community. From HUD’s website, you can download a copy of “Help Yourself to A Healthy Home” for more practical steps you can take to make your home a lead-safe home.

Other Federal Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
www.hud.gov/offices/lead or call (202) 755-1785

The National Lead Information Center
(800) 424-LEAD (5323)
www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/nlic.htm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
www.epa.gov/lead

U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration
www.osha.gov/SLTC/lead

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
www.cpsc.gov or call (800) 638-2772

Dust created by opening and closing windows is a common lead hazard.



Photo by: January E. Jones, Improving Kids’ Environment

Protect Your Child from Lead Exposure

How do I keep my child safe from exposure?

- ▶ Keep the area where your children play as dust-free and clean as possible.
- ▶ Consider hiring a certified inspector to check for lead hazards in older homes.
- ▶ Ask your doctor to test your young children for lead even if they seem healthy.
- ▶ Be a good neighbor. Spread the word about EPA's new lead-safe renovation rule.
- ▶ Report chipped or cracked paint to your landlord if you live in an older home built before 1978.
- ▶ Make sure your children do not chew on painted surfaces, such as toys or window sills.
- ▶ Learn about and avoid toys that contain lead.

source: *Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future*
www.lead.dhh.louisiana.gov

Should My Child's Lead Levels Be Checked?

Yes! It is recommended that all children in Louisiana have blood lead levels checked at least twice between the ages of 6 and 72 months.

How Can I Have My Child's Lead Levels Checked?

Your child's blood levels can be checked by a simple blood test. Ask your doctor for more information about testing and how to interpret your child's test results. Remember, no level of lead is safe in a child under 6 years of age.



Lead Poisoning Risk Checklist

Is your family at risk for lead poisoning?



chipped paint



lead pipe



dirty work boots



lead in the soil

If the answer is yes, mark a ✓

1. _____	Was your residence built before 1978? Most homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint.
2. _____	Do you see walls, furniture or window sills in your home with chipping or or peeling paint? Lead-based paint is unsafe if it peels, chips or cracks.
3. _____	Do your children play in the dirt near your home? Soil around homes with lead-based paint can contain lead chips, dust or flakes. Children can accidentally swallow this soil or bring it in the house on their shoes.
4. _____	Have you done any renovations in your home recently? Renovations may cause lead dust.
5. _____	Does your drinking water come from lead pipes? Lead pipes are dull grey and scratch easily with a key or penny.
6. _____	Does your child play with toys made outside of the United States? Toys from outside of the U.S. often contain lead.
7. _____	Have your neighbors' children or your child's playmates ever had a high lead blood test reading? If so, your children could be at risk, because they play in the same places.
8. _____	Do you store any food in pottery containers? Imported pottery usually contains lead.
9. _____	Do you or someone you live with work where lead is used, such as in construction, painting, iron work, automobile repair or furniture refinishing? Lead can get on work clothes. Work clothes should be removed before coming into the house. Work clothes should be washed separately from the clothes you wear around your family. Please remove your shoes before entering your home as lead can easily be tracked indoors.

If you have answered YES to any of these questions, visit www.lead.dhh.louisiana.gov or contact the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP) at 504-568-8254 for information on how you can have your home checked for lead.

Have Your Children Under 6 Screened For Lead Poisoning!

Nutrition and Lead Poisoning Prevention

Did you know...

- ▶ children absorb less lead when their stomachs are full?
- ▶ certain nutrients like **Iron, Calcium, and Vitamin C** help protect your child from lead poisoning?

Tip: Provide your child with 4-6 small meals each day that contain Iron, Calcium and Vitamin C to help prevent lead poisoning.

Iron-Rich Foods:

- ▶ Lean red meats, fish and chicken
- ▶ Iron-fortified cereals
- ▶ Dried fruits (raisins and prunes)



Calcium-Rich Foods:

- ▶ Milk
- ▶ Yogurt and Cheese
- ▶ Green leafy vegetables (spinach, kale and collard greens)



Vitamin C-Rich Foods:

- ▶ Oranges, orange juice
- ▶ Grapefruits, grapefruit juice
- ▶ Tomatoes, tomato juice
- ▶ Green peppers



source: *Fight Lead Poisoning with a Healthy Diet*. Environmental Protection Agency. Nov 2011.

Section II: For the Health Care Provider

CDC Update on Blood Lead Levels in Children

- ▶ Experts now use a reference level of 5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) to identify children with blood lead levels that are much higher than most children's levels. This new level is based on the U.S. population of children ages 1-5 years who are in the highest 2.5% of children when tested for lead in their blood. **Currently, no safe Blood Lead Level (BLL) has been identified.**
- ▶ This reference value is based on the 97.5th percentile of the 2007-2010 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)'s blood lead distribution in children. CDC will update the reference value every four years using the two most recent NHANES surveys.
- ▶ Until recently, children were identified as having a blood lead "level of concern" if the test result was 10 or more $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ of lead in the blood. The CDC is no longer using the term "level of concern" and is instead using the reference value to identify children who have been exposed to lead and who require case management.
- ▶ In the past, blood lead level tests below 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ of lead in blood may, or may not, have been reported to parents. The new lower value means that more children will likely be identified as having lead exposure, allowing parents, doctors, public health officials and communities to take action earlier to reduce the child's future exposure to lead.
- ▶ What has not changed is the recommendation for when medical treatment is advised for children with high blood lead exposure levels. The new recommendation does not change the guidance that chelation therapy be considered when a child has a blood lead test result greater than or equal to 45 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.
- ▶ Children can be given a blood test to measure the level of lead in their blood. These tests are covered by Medicaid and most private health insurance.



source: Update on Blood Lead Levels in Children. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [cdc.gov/nceh/lead](https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead)

A New Emphasis on Primary Prevention

In 2012, the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP) published a report entitled, “Low Level Lead Exposure Harms Children: A Renewed Call for Primary Prevention.”

Key Points/Recommendations:

- ▶ CDC should develop and help implement a nationwide primary prevention policy to ensure that no children in the U.S. live or spend significant time in homes, buildings or other environments with lead exposure hazards.
- ▶ Clinicians should be a reliable source of information on lead hazards and take the primary role in educating families about preventing lead exposures. This includes recommending environmental assessments prior to blood lead screening of children at risk for lead exposure.



- ▶ Clinicians should monitor the health status of all children with a confirmed BLL $\geq 5\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ subsequent increase or decrease in BLL until all recommended environmental investigations and mitigation strategies are complete, and should notify the family of all affected children of BLL test results in a timely and appropriate manner.
- ▶ Clinicians should ensure that BLL values at or above the reference value are reported to local and state health and/or housing departments if no mandatory reporting exists and collaborate with these agencies in providing the appropriate services and resources to children and their families.

source: *Low Level Lead Exposure Harms Children: A Renewed Call for Primary Prevention. Report of the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. Jan 4 2012.*



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

UNIVERSAL BLOOD LEAD SCREENING
of Children under 6 years of Age

January 4, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health would like to remind medical providers of changes made to state regulations pertaining to blood lead screening of children in Louisiana. Low blood lead screening rates of children across the state (16.4% average) has resulted in inadequate prevalence data to identify geographic high-risk parishes. *Therefore, in an effort to improve screening rates of children in Louisiana, this is a reminder that all children between the ages of 6 months and 72 months must be screened for blood lead levels. The following amendments were made to the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 48: V. §7005, §7007, and §7009 and became effective October 20, 2008:*

§7005. Mandatory Blood Lead Screening of Children in High Risk Geographical Areas

The amendment extends the designation of high-risk areas for childhood lead poisoning from Morehouse, Orleans, Tensas, and West Carroll to **ALL Parishes** in the state of Louisiana. Therefore, medical providers of routine primary care services to **children ages 6 months to 72 months** who reside or spend more than 10 hours per week in any Louisiana parish must have such children screened in accordance with practices consistent with the current Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and in compliance with Louisiana Medicaid.

§7007. Mandatory Case Reporting by Health Care Providers To ensure appropriate and timely follow-up, medical providers must now report a lead case, which is a **blood lead level ≥ 10 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$)**, to the Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP), Office of Public Health **within 24 business hours** (instead of 48 hours) by fax to (504) 568-8253, and the original lead case reporting form shall be mailed within 5 business days to LHHCLPPP, Office of Public Health, PO Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160.

§7009. Reporting Requirements of Blood Lead Levels by Laboratories AND Health Care Providers Performing Office-Based Blood Lead Analyses for Public Health Surveillance

All results of blood lead testing for children **under 72 months of age** must be reported to LHHCLPPP by electronic transmission **regardless of the blood lead level.**

The LHHCLPPP needs your continued commitment to create a lead safe environment for children and their families. If you have any questions about the information presented in this letter, please contact LHHCLPPP at (504) 568-8254. Also, please visit the website at www.lead.dhh.louisiana.gov for additional provider information and for lead poisoning prevention educational materials for families, which are available at no cost to providers.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Guidry, MD
State Health Officer/DHH Medical Director

Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP)

SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

Medical providers offering routine care to children ages 6 months to 72 months who reside or spend more than 10 hours per week in any Louisiana parish must have children screened in accordance with practices consistent with the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Louisiana Medicaid (KIDMED) guidelines and in compliance with Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 48: V 7005, 7007 and 7009.



Reporting requirements:

1. Medical providers are required to report **all** blood lead levels to LHHCLPPP on the Lead Case Reporting Form.
2. **Blood lead levels 10 µg/dL or greater should be reported immediately.**
In addition to the Lead Case Reporting Form, Medical Providers are required to submit an Environmental Lead Investigation Form immediately to LHHCLPPP with blood lead levels that are 10µg/dL or above on one venous test.
3. Follow the CDC Lead Poisoning Management Summary Chart (see page 19) to determine when a child needs a repeat blood lead level test, when to make a referral, or when an environmental inspection is needed.

Required reporting information:

1. Complete LHHCLPPP Lead Case Reporting Form, then fax to 504-568-8253.
2. Complete the Request for Environmental Lead Investigation form if needed, then fax to 504-568-8253.

For more information about lead poisoning, reporting requirements or referral, contact:

Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP)

1450 Poydras Street, Suite 2046, New Orleans, LA 70112

Phone: 504-568-8254

Fax: 504-568-8253

www.lead.dhh.louisiana.gov

**Lead Testing Kits can be obtained from Tamarac Medical Laboratories*

1-800-842-7069



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP)

Lead Case Reporting Form

Copies of the following form can be used to report lead results. As stated in the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Rule (LAC 48:V.7001-7007), please provide all of the following information. Please print all information, use separate forms for each patient and fax the completed form to (504) 568-8253.

PATIENT INFORMATION

1. LAST NAME: _____ 2. FIRST: _____ 3. MI: _____
4. SSN: _____ 5. MEDICAID NUMBER (if any): _____
6. DATE OF BIRTH: _____ 7. SEX: FEMALE MALE
8. RACE: Black White Other _____ 9. NATIONAL ORIGIN: _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

10. PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S FULL NAME: _____
11. MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____ 12. PHONE NUMBER: _____
13. ADDRESS: _____
14. CITY: _____ 15. STATE: _____ 16. ZIP: _____
17. PARISH/COUNTY: _____

BLOOD LEAD INFORMATION

18. BLOOD LEAD RESULT: _____ 19. DATE COLLECTED: _____
20. Please circle one: CAPILLARY VENOUS
21. Please circle one: FIRST ANNUAL REPEAT

REPORTING PROVIDER OR LABORATORY INFORMATION

22. PROVIDER/LAB NAME: _____
23. CONTACT PERSON: _____
24. ADDRESS: _____
25. CITY: _____ 26. STATE: _____ 27. ZIP: _____
28. PARISH/COUNTY: _____
29. TELEPHONE: _____ 30. FAX: _____

Assessing the Risk of Lead Exposure

CDC Guidelines for Questions to Ask Regarding a Child's Environmental History:

Environmental exposure

- ▶ What is the age and general condition of the residence?
- ▶ Is there evidence of chewed or peeling paint on woodwork, furniture or toys?
- ▶ How long has the family lived at that residence?
- ▶ Have there been recent renovations or repairs in the house?
- ▶ Are there other sites where the child spends significant amounts of time?
- ▶ What is the character of indoor play areas?
- ▶ Do outdoor play areas contain bare soil that may be contaminated?
- ▶ How does the family attempt to control dust/dirt?

Relevant behavioral characteristics of the child

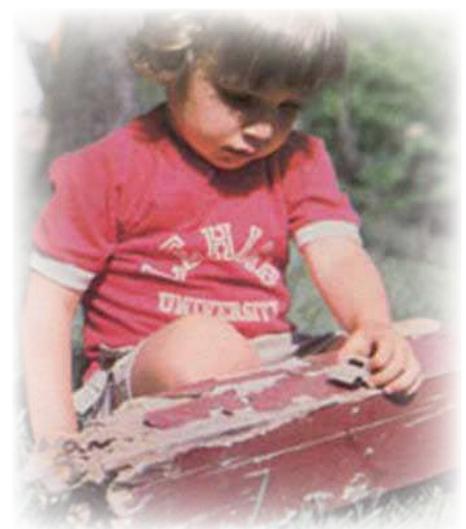
- ▶ To what degree does the child exhibit hand-to-mouth activity?
- ▶ Does the child exhibit pica?
- ▶ Are the child's hands washed before meals and snacks?

Exposures to and behaviors of household members

- ▶ What are the occupations of adult household members?
- ▶ What are the hobbies of household members? (Fishing, working with ceramics or stained glass and hunting are examples of hobbies that involve risk for lead exposure.)
- ▶ Are painted materials or unusual materials burned in household fireplaces?

Miscellaneous questions

- ▶ Does the home contain vinyl mini-blinds made overseas and purchased before 1997?
- ▶ Does the child receive or have access to imported food, cosmetics or folk remedies?
- ▶ Is food prepared or stored in imported pottery or metal vessels?





State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP)

REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD INVESTIGATION

Please fill out Parts I, II, & III completely. Complete Part IV if residence is rental. The information is necessary for a proper investigation to be arranged, to complete documents needed for Medicaid reimbursement, and for a thorough inspection to help identify the source of lead poisoning. **FAX this form to 504-568-8253**

I. REQUESTER INFORMATION

Date of Request: ___/___/___ Requested by: _____ Telephone: _____
Provider name: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

II. PATIENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___ Sex: ___ Race: ___
Social Security No.: ___-___-___ Medicaid No.: _____
Home Address: _____ (P.O. Box not acceptable) Rent ___ Own ___
City: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____
Other residence where patient spends time:
Occupant Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____
Owner/Agent Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____

III. PATIENT'S LEAD TEST HISTORY

Provide initial test date and result. Circle type, either venous (V) or capillary(C):

Initial Test: Date ___/___/___ Result ___ug/dl Type: C or V__

Provide most recent follow-up test dates and results. Circle type, either venous (V) or capillary (C):

Date ___/___/___ Result ___ug/dl Type: C or V_ Date ___/___/___ Result ___ug/dl Type: C or V__

Date ___/___/___ Result ___ug/dl Type: C or V_ Date ___/___/___ Result ___ug/dl Type: C or V__

Attach copies of laboratory reports for all results listed.

IV. RENTAL RESIDENCE INFORMATION

Owner/Agent Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____

Risk Assessor Information:

LOUISIANA HEALTHY HOMES and CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

1450 Poydras Street Suite 2046 ☐ New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Phone #: 504/568-8254 ☐ Fax #: 504/568-8253 ☐ WWW.DHH.LA.GOV

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Management Guidelines for Providers



LOUISIANA HEALTHY HOMES
CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM
(LHHCLPPP)
MANAGEMENT FOR FOLLOW-UP BLOOD LEAD TESTING



**Test all children at age 1 year and again at age 2 years regardless of initial result.
All capillary blood lead level results that are ≥ 5 should be confirmed with a venous test within the recommended time frame**

BLL ($\mu\text{g/dL}$)	Confirmation of CAPILLARY test with VENOUS test	MEDICAL Follow-up VENOUS Test	LHHCLPPP Case Management Follow-up
≤ 4.9	No confirmation	Not applicable	Not applicable
5-9	Venous test within 3 months	Venous test within 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Letter mailed to parents regarding the new reference value and take child within 3 months for retest. •Follow-up BLL monitoring.
10-14	Venous test within 3 months	Test every 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Follow-up BLL monitoring. •Environmental Investigation. •Lead education and nutrition counseling.
15-19	Venous test within 1 month	Test every 2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Follow-up BLL monitoring. •Environmental Investigation. •Lead education and nutrition counseling.
20-44	Venous test within 1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Test monthly •Lab work: Hemoglobin Treat low iron levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Follow-up BLL monitoring. •Environmental Investigation. •Lead education and nutrition counseling.
45-69	Venous test within 3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Test monthly •Chelation Therapy •Lab work: Hemoglobin Treat low iron levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Follow-up BLL monitoring. •Environmental Investigation. •Lead education and nutrition counseling. •Referral for developmental screening.
>69	Venous test immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Test monthly •Chelation Therapy •Lab work: Hemoglobin Treat low iron levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Follow-up BLL monitoring. •Environmental Investigation. •Lead education and nutrition counseling. •Referral for developmental screening.

The Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

The purpose of Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP) is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Louisiana through a comprehensive approach to prevention of lead poisoning and the management of children found to have elevated blood levels.

Services include:

- ▶ Monitoring of blood lead levels in children 6 years of age and under;
- ▶ Identification of children with elevated blood lead levels;
- ▶ Care coordination for children with elevated blood lead levels;
- ▶ Environmental inspection for children with elevated blood lead levels; and
- ▶ Community and professional education on childhood lead poisoning.

Questions can be directed to the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, at (504) 568-8254.

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