

# Universal Blood Lead Screening of Children Under 6 years of Age



## It's Mandatory! All Children Should Be Screened For Lead.

### 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 guidelines and in compliance with Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 48: V 7005, 7007 and 7009.

### HOW TO REPORT:

#### Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LCLPPP)

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### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Medical providers and laboratories are required to report **all** blood lead levels to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program **regardless of value**.
2. *Blood lead levels 3.5ug/dL or greater should be reported immediately.* Medical providers are required to submit the **Lead Case Reporting Form** immediately to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, which can be found at [ldh.la.gov/lead](http://ldh.la.gov/lead).
3. Follow the **CDC Lead Poisoning Management Summary Chart** (see reverse) to determine when a child needs a repeat blood lead level test, when to make a referral, or when an environmental inspection is needed.
4. Email or fax the completed **forms** to the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS BASED ON BLOOD LEAD LEVELS (BLL)**

BLL (µg/dL)	<b>Initial Screening Blood Lead Level-Capillary</b> (If a venous sample was taken during the initial screening test, skip to Confirmed Venous Blood Lead Level.)	<b>Confirmed Venous Blood Lead Level</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> for CDC’s recommended actions for medical management of children with elevated BLLs.
≤ 3.4	No confirmation	Conduct follow-up blood lead testing at recommended intervals based on the child’s age, risk of exposure and/or Medicaid-enrollment status.
3.5-9.9	Venous test within 3 months	Follow-up venous test in 3 months; repeat test every 3 months; once BLL begins to decline, retest every 6-9 months.
10-19	Venous test within 1 month	Follow-up venous test in 1-3 months; repeat test every 1-3 months; once BLL begins to decline, retest every 3-6 months.
20-44	Venous test within 2 weeks	Follow-up venous test in 2 weeks - 1 month; repeat test every 2 weeks - 1 month; once BLL begins to decline, retest every 1-3 months.
≥45	Venous test within 48 hours	Follow-up venous test ASAP; continue to monitor BLL closely during treatment.

- Screen all children at ages 12 months and at 24 months or at any time from ages 36 months to 72 months, if they have not been previously screened. (Louisiana Administrative Code: Title 48, Part V; §7005)
- All capillary blood lead level results that are ≥3.5 µg/dL should be confirmed with a venous test within the recommended timeframe.
- LCLPPP will provide case management services for those children with positive tests (confirmed venous BLL ≥3.5 µg/dL).
- Case management involves a lead hazard exposure assessment, health education and may include referral for a free environmental assessment of the child’s home.