




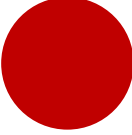



Blood Lead Levels

What Do They Mean?

A blood lead test gives an idea of how much lead your child has been recently exposed to in the environment. No amount of lead in the body is safe. Children with lead in their blood may not look or act sick, but learning and behavior problems may show up years later when they go to school.

Blood Lead Test Result	What Does It Mean?	When To Get Another Venous Blood Test?	What Can You Do?
<p>0</p> 	<p>Your child has no detectable lead in their body.</p>	<p>Ask your doctor to test your child for lead at 1 & 2 years of age or once before the age of 6.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Avoid sources of lead ➤ Give your child iron, calcium, & vitamin C rich food ➤ Wash hands and face before eating and after playing ➤ Keep home paint intact and dust free ➤ Use a wet sponge or mop to clean floors and windows
<p>1 to <5</p> 	<p>Your child has been exposed to lead in their environment.</p>	<p>Retest if your child's risk of lead exposure changes. For example: If you move to an older home with chipped or peeling paint, if someone in your home works with lead (e.g. construction, gardening), or your child has recently travelled outside of the US.</p>	<p>All of the above, and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See back of this form for information on lead hazards around your home (Lead is a Poison) ➤ Follow best practices if someone in your household works with lead (e.g. construction, gardening) ➤ Contact our program for information and to receive a free home visit to help look for lead hazards
<p>5-14</p> 	<p>Your child has been exposed to lead in their environment.</p>	<p>1-3 months followed by 3 months for levels 5-9 and every 3 months for levels 10-14</p> <p>Call your doctor to have your child retested for lead</p>	<p>All of the above, and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At a Blood Lead Level of 10 receive follow-up care services from our program's Public Health Nurse within four weeks of test result
<p>15-19</p> 	<p>Your child has been exposed to moderate amounts of lead in their environment.</p>	<p>1-4 weeks followed by 1-3 months</p> <p>Call your doctor to have your child retested for lead</p>	<p>All of the above, and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Receive home visit within two weeks of test result
<p>20-44</p> 	<p>Your child has been exposed to large amounts of lead in their environment.</p>	<p>1-4 weeks followed by every 2-4 weeks depending on level</p> <p>Call your doctor to have your child retested for lead</p>	<p>All of the above, and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Receive home visit within one week of test result
<p>45-69</p> 	<p>Your child has been exposed to very large amounts of lead in their environment.</p>	<p>Call your doctor to have your child retested for lead</p> <p>As soon as possible, within 48 hours for levels 45-59 within 24 hours for levels 60-69</p>	<p>All of the above, and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Call your doctor ASAP for a confirming venous blood test and lead poisoning checkup as your child may require specialized medical treatment in the hospital ➤ Receive home visit within 48 hours of test result
<p>Above 70</p> 	<p>Medical Emergency: Your child has been exposed to dangerously high amounts of lead in their environment.</p>	<p>Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention</p>	<p>All of the above, and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Your child requires specialized treatment in the hospital NOW! ➤ Receive home visit within 24 hours of test result