

# UPDATED LEAD TESTING GUIDELINES FOR CHICAGO PROVIDERS



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The Chicago Department of Public Health released new lead screening requirements in 2019. All Chicago children should be tested for lead at 1, 2, and 3 years of age. After age 3, children should be tested if they have no previous test or screened annually with testing as needed.

All children in Chicago are at high risk for lead exposure due to the age of our housing, so Chicago requires universal lead testing at ages 1, 2, and 3 years.

- Lead testing is covered by health insurance plans, including Medicaid.
- Lead testing is required for enrollment in a licensed day care or school.

#### Testing and Reporting

- All blood lead levels must be reported to IDPH, including the address of the child and the sample type.
- If the level is 5ug/dL or higher, it must be reported within 48 hours.

Per new state guidelines, case management and home inspection services will be provided for children with a blood lead level of 5ug/dL or higher to ensure appropriate testing and follow-up and to try to determine the source of exposure.

Please contact the CDPH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program with any questions at **(312)747-LEAD (5323)**.