

# 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. 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 Blood Test?	What Can You Do?
<b>0</b> 	<b>Your child has no detectable lead in their body.</b>	Ask your doctor to test your child for lead at 1 & 2 years of age or once before the age of 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Avoid sources of lead</li> <li>➤ Give your child iron, calcium, &amp; vitamin C rich food</li> <li>➤ Wash hands and face before eating and after play</li> <li>➤ Keep home paint intact and dust free</li> <li>➤ Use a wet sponge or mop to clean floors and windows</li> </ul>
<b>1-9</b> 	<b>No amount of lead in the body is normal or safe.</b> Your child has been exposed to some amounts of lead.	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 in construction, gardening, etc., or have travelled outside of the US.	All of the above, and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See back of this form for information on lead hazards around your home (Lead is a Poison)</li> <li>➤ Follow best practices if someone in your household works in construction, landscaping, etc.</li> <li>➤ Our program will provide information and offer a home visit to help look for lead hazards at home</li> </ul>
<b>10-14</b> 	Your child has been exposed to some amount of lead in their environment.	<b>1-3 months</b> Call your doctor to have your child re-tested for lead	All of the above, and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At a Blood Lead Level of 10 and above a Public Health Nurse will make a home visit to provide follow-up care within two weeks of test result</li> <li>➤ An inspector will join the home visit to find sources of lead in the home</li> </ul>
<b>15-19</b> 	Your child has been exposed to moderate amounts of lead in their environment.	<b>1-3 months</b> Call your doctor to have your child re-tested for lead	All of the above, and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Home visit done within one week of test result</li> </ul>
<b>20-44</b> 	Your child has been exposed to large amounts of lead in their environment.	<b>1 week then 1 month</b> Call your doctor to have your child re-tested for lead	All of the above
<b>45-69</b> 	Your child has been exposed to very large amounts of lead in their environment.	<b>As Soon As Possible, within 48 hours</b> Call your doctor to have your child re-tested for lead	All of the above, and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Your child may require specialized medical treatment in the hospital. Call your doctor ASAP for a confirming blood test and lead poisoning checkup</li> <li>➤ Home visit done within 48 hours of test result</li> </ul>
<b>Above 70</b> 	<b>Medical Emergency:</b> Your child has been exposed to dangerously high amounts of lead in their environment.	<b>Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention</b>	All of the above, and... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Your child requires specialized treatment in the hospital <b>NOW!</b></li> <li>➤ Home visit done within 24 hours of test result</li> </ul>