ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Illinois Childhood Lead Risk Questionnaire

For Children Ages 6 Months and Older

Testing in Illinois is Universal
ALL children ages 9-12 months and again at 24 months of age MUST receive a blood lead test.

Children 3 years of age and older should be evaluated annually using the Questionnaire on the back of this form to determine if a blood lead test is necessary.

STATE LAW REQUIRES:

- ALL children are to be tested once between 9-12 months and again at 24 months of age. Medicaid-enrolled children must receive blood lead testing at 12 and 24 months of age in accordance with federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements.
- Health care providers should evaluate children 3 years of age and older annually for the risk of lead exposure. Children are to be tested again if answers to this questionnaire indicate new or increased risk.
- Lead risk evaluation and any necessary testing are required for enrollment into day care, preschool, nursery school, or kindergarten.
- ALL blood lead test results are to be reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIRES:

9-12 Months	24 Months	3-6 Years	7 Years and Older
Lead Test Required	Lead Test Required	Use questionnaire annually to determine if lead testing is necessary.	Consider testing the child if involved in activities that may expose them to lead.

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE FOR OBTAINING A FOLLOW-UP VENOUS BLOOD LEAD TEST

Capillary Blood Lead Level (BLL) (µg/dL)	Time to Confirmation Testing
≥3.5 - 19.9 µg/dL	Within 1 month
20 - 44.9 µg/dL	Within 2 weeks
≥45 µg/dL	Within 48 hours

BLOOD LEAD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Initial tests may be performed using either capillary or venous sample.
- Capillary results ≥3.5 µg/dL shall be confirmed by venous draw with analysis performed by an accredited laboratory.
- Health care providers do not need to call IDPH to report lead results. Contact IDPH only if improper or missing reporting is suspected.

REMEMBER

- Lead exposure can harm a child's brain and developement.
- Early detection can prevent serious health problems.
- When in doubt, TEST!

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Scan or visit dph.illinois.gov for more information.

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Reminder: ALL children ages 9-12 months and again at 24 months of age MUST receive a blood lead test.

PURPOSE
This questionnaire helps identify children who may be at risk for lead exposure.

HOW TO USE: Check the appropiate answer for each question

- **If any answer of "Yes" or "Don't Know" → perform a blood lead test today**
- **If ALL answers are "No" → No test needed today, re-evaluate at next visit.**

#	RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER.	RESPONSE		
		Yes	No	Don't Know
1.	Is the child under 3 years of age and did they miss either their 9-12 month or 24 month test? -OR- Is the child 3-6 years of age and have they never been tested?	☐	☐	☐
	SINCE THE CHILD'S LAST EVALUATION, HAS THE CHILD:			
2.	Moved to a home or begun to regularly visit a building built before 1978?	☐	☐	☐
3.	Been exposed to repairs, repainting, or renovations of a building/home built before 1978?	☐	☐	☐
4.	Frequently been around anyone whose job or hobby exposes them to lead (e.g. construction, painting, plumbing, battery work, mining, firearms, or fish weights)?	☐	☐	☐
5.	Been frequently exposed to any traditional or cultural medicines, spices, candy, toys, pottery, powders or cosmetics (such as Kohl, Kajal, Surma, Sindoor or KumKum) from other countries?	☐	☐	☐
6.	Spent any significant time outside the U.S.?	☐	☐	☐
7.	Been in a home, school, or childcare setting where the water tested at or above 5ppb for lead?	☐	☐	☐
8.	Lived near an active lead smelter, battery recycling plant, or another industry likely to release lead, or does your child live near a heavily traveled road where soil and dust may be contaminated with lead?	☐	☐	☐

It is always appropriate to obtain a diagnostic blood lead test when a child is symptomatic or a potential exposure to lead has been identified, regardless of the child's age.

Today's Date: _____ **Date of last lead test (if known):** _____

Child's Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Birthdate:** _____

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Thank you for helping to protect the children of Illinois!