

# Blood Lead Screening and Testing Guidelines for Texas Children:

## Quick Reference Guide

- Blood lead testing is the only way to identify a child with an elevated lead level.
- Please remember that most children may not have symptoms.
- An elevated blood lead level is 10 mcg/dL or greater.
- State law requires reporting all blood lead results to the address below.

Determinant	Action	When
1. Currently enrolled in Medicaid/Texas Health Steps	Blood lead test ----- Complete Risk Assessment for Lead Exposure Questionnaire, Form Pb-110	12 and 24 months ----- Age 6, 9, 15, and 18 months and Age 3, 4, 5, and 6 years
2. Resides in target area (see page 2)	Blood lead test	Age 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 years
3. Newly arrived refugee or foreign adoptee	Venous blood lead test	Within 3 months of arrival in the USA, and Re-test at 2 and 6 months after the initial test
4. Resides in a household or has contact with an individual with an elevated blood lead level	Blood lead test	Immediately
5. Invalid Test Result – Clotted or Insufficient Quantity	Venous blood lead re-test	Immediately
6. Elevated capillary blood lead result 10 mcg/dL or greater	Venous blood lead test	Follow Schedule for Obtaining a Diagnostic Venous Sample (see bottom of page or Form Pb-109)
7. Parent expresses concern or requests their child be tested	Blood lead test	Immediately
8. Does not fit high-risk categories above or no previous elevated blood lead test result	Complete Risk Assessment for Lead Exposure Questionnaire, Form Pb-110	Age 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, and 24 months and Age 3, 4, 5, and 6 years
9. "YES" or "DON'T KNOW" answer on any question on a lead questionnaire such as the Risk Assessment for Lead Exposure Questionnaire, Form Pb-110	Blood lead test	Immediately

**Note:** The Pb-109, Pb-110, and other TX CLPPP forms are available at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead>



### Schedule for Obtaining a Diagnostic Venous Sample

Capillary Screening Test results (mcg/dL):	Perform a venous diagnostic test within:
10-44	1 week - 4 weeks*
45-59	48 hours
60-69	24 hours
70 and up	Immediately as an emergency lab test

\* The higher the Blood Lead Level (BLL) on the screening test, the more urgent the need for diagnostic testing  
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**For more information & reporting, contact TX CLPPP at:**  
Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program  
Epidemiology & Disease Surveillance Unit  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
PO BOX 149347 • Austin, TX 78714-9347  
1-800-588-1248  
[www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead)

## Target Areas by Zip Code

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