

**HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES 410-313-6812**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Date:

Childhood lead poisoning is a preventable environmental disease. Children exposed to lead can develop physical and behavioral problems as well as learning disabilities.

In 2000, the legislature enacted a law which targets areas in the state that are considered at-risk for childhood lead poisoning according to a plan devised by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The targeted areas are listed by ZIP Code on the back of this letter.

To comply with this new law, parents/guardians must complete the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Blood Lead Testing Certificate DHMH #4620 as follows:

- Sign the form to certify that your child **does not live, nor has ever lived**, in the ZIP Codes identified on the back of this letter and certificate.

OR,

- Provide the dates of blood lead tests **if your child currently lives or has lived** in any of the targeted ZIP Codes, identified on the back of this letter and certificate. A note from your child's doctor that states a screening was done but does not include test dates is not acceptable.

Please complete the attached Lead Testing Certificate and return it to your school Health Room within 20 days of the date of this letter.

If your child has never had a blood lead test and needs one, please contact your child's doctor. If your child does not have a doctor, contact your school health assistant or school nurse for information. If you have any questions, please contact your school health assistant or school nurse or the Office of Health Services at 410-313-6812.

Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this new State law.

Office of Health Services

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE BLOOD LEAD TESTING CERTIFICATE

CHILD'S NAME _____ / _____ / _____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE
 CHILD'S ADDRESS _____ / _____ / _____
 ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP
 SEX: MALE FEMALE BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ / _____
 COUNTY _____ SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ / _____ / _____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE PHONE
 ADDRESS _____ / _____ / _____
 CITY STATE ZIP

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The following applies to blood lead testing requirements and the duties of health care providers, parents/guardians, and the public schools:

1. The health care provider for a child who resides in an at-risk area, or has ever resided in an at-risk area as designated by the Maryland Targeting Plan for Childhood Lead Poisoning, shall administer a blood test for lead poisoning during the 12-month visit and again during the 24-month visit. At-risk areas by Zip Code are listed on the back of this form.
2. Beginning not later than September 2003, the parent or guardian of a child who currently resides, or has ever resided, in an at-risk area, shall provide to the designated administrator of the child's school or program, evidence that the child has had blood lead testing, on entry into a Maryland public pre-kindergarten program or Maryland public school system at the level of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or first grade.
3. Evidence of blood testing for lead poisoning sent to or received by a program or school shall be documented on a form approved by the Department that includes the following: name of the child, address of the child, date of the blood test(s) for lead poisoning, and the signature of the child's health care provider or designee, or school health professional or designee that transcribed the information onto the approved form.
4. A list of children (including home contact information) whose parent/guardian does not comply with the requirement to provide evidence of blood lead testing, must be forwarded to the Local Health Department in the jurisdiction where the child resides.

RECORD OF BLOOD LEAD TESTING

Test #1. _____ Test # 2. _____ Comments: _____
 Date Date

Signature _____ / _____
 Health Care Provider or Designee OR School Health Professional or Designee Date

RECORD OF BLOOD LEAD TESTING EXEMPTION

I, _____ certify that my child does not **AND** has never resided in an at-risk area.
 Parent or Guardian (Print)

Signature _____ / _____
 Parent or Guardian Date

COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM LEAD TESTING ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. ANY LEAD TESTS THAT HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED SHOULD BE ENTERED ABOVE. A LEAD RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM LEAD TESTING ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS.

RELIGIOUS OBJECTION:

1. I am the parent/guardian of the child identified above. Because of my bona fide religious beliefs and practices, I object to any blood lead testing of my child. Signed _____ / _____
 Parent or Guardian Date
2. Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire Administered: YES NO Signed _____ / _____
 Health Care Provider Date

HOW TO USE THIS FORM

The documented tests should be the tests at 12 months and 24 months of age. Two test dates are required if the 1st test was done prior to 24 months of age. If the 1st test is done after 24 months of age, one test date is required. The child's **primary health care provider** may record the test dates directly on this form (check marks are not acceptable) and certify them by signing or stamping the signature section. A **school health professional or designee** may transcribe onto this form and certify test dates from any other record that has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, or school. All forms are kept on file with the child's school health record. A list of children (including home contact information) whose parent/guardian does not comply with the requirement to provide evidence of blood lead testing, must be forwarded to the Local Health Department in the jurisdiction where the child resides.

Maryland Childhood Lead Poisoning Targeting Plan
At Risk Areas by Zip Code

<u>Allegany</u>	<u>Baltimore Co. (Cont.)</u>	<u>Frederick . (Cont)</u>	<u>Montgomery (Cont)</u>	<u>Queen Anne's</u>
ALL	21239	21757	20812	21607
	21244	21758	20815	21617
<u>Anne Arundel</u>	21250	21762	20816	21620
20711	21251	21769	20818	21623
20714	21282	21776	20838	21628
20764	21286	21778	20842	21640
20779	<u>Baltimore City</u>	21780	20868	21644
21060	ALL	21783	20877	21649
21061		21787	20901	21651
21225	<u>Calvert</u>	21791	20910	21657
21226	20615	21798	20912	21668
21402	20714		20913	21670
		<u>Garrett</u>		
<u>Baltimore Co.</u>	<u>Caroline</u>	ALL	<u>Prince George's</u>	<u>Somerset</u>
21027	ALL		20703	ALL
21052		<u>Harford</u>	20710	<u>St. Mary's</u>
21071	<u>Carroll</u>	21001	20712	20606
21082	21155	21010	20722	20626
21085	21757	21034	20731	20628
21093	21776	21040	20737	20674
21111	21787	21078	20738	20687
21133	21791	21082	20740	
21155		21085	20741	
21161	<u>Cecil</u>	21130	20742	<u>Talbot</u>
21204	21913	21111	20743	21612
21206		21160	20746	21654
21207	<u>Charles</u>	21161	20748	21657
21208	20640		20752	21665
21209	20658	<u>Howard</u>	20770	21671
21210	20662	20763	20781	21673
21212			20782	21676
21215	<u>Dorchester</u>	<u>Kent</u>	20783	
21219	ALL	21610	20784	
21220		21620	20785	
21221	<u>Frederick</u>	21645	20787	
21222	20842	21650	20788	<u>Washington</u>
21224	21701	21651	20790	ALL
21227	21703	21661	20791	<u>Wicomico</u>
21228	21704	21667	20792	ALL
21229	21716		20799	
21234	21718	<u>Montgomery</u>	20912	<u>Worcester</u>
21236	21719	20783	20913	ALL
21237	21727	20787		

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Blood Lead Testing Certificate

<http://www.fha.state.md.us/och/html/lead.html>