

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

LEAD TESTING FOR ALL CHILDREN



Lead is common in older homes, soil, water, and some consumer products, making exposure a risk for all children.

As of July 1, 2026, lead testing is required for all Illinois children at ages 12 and 24 months, as well as when certain circumstances apply. Your child's healthcare provider or the local health department can provide additional information.



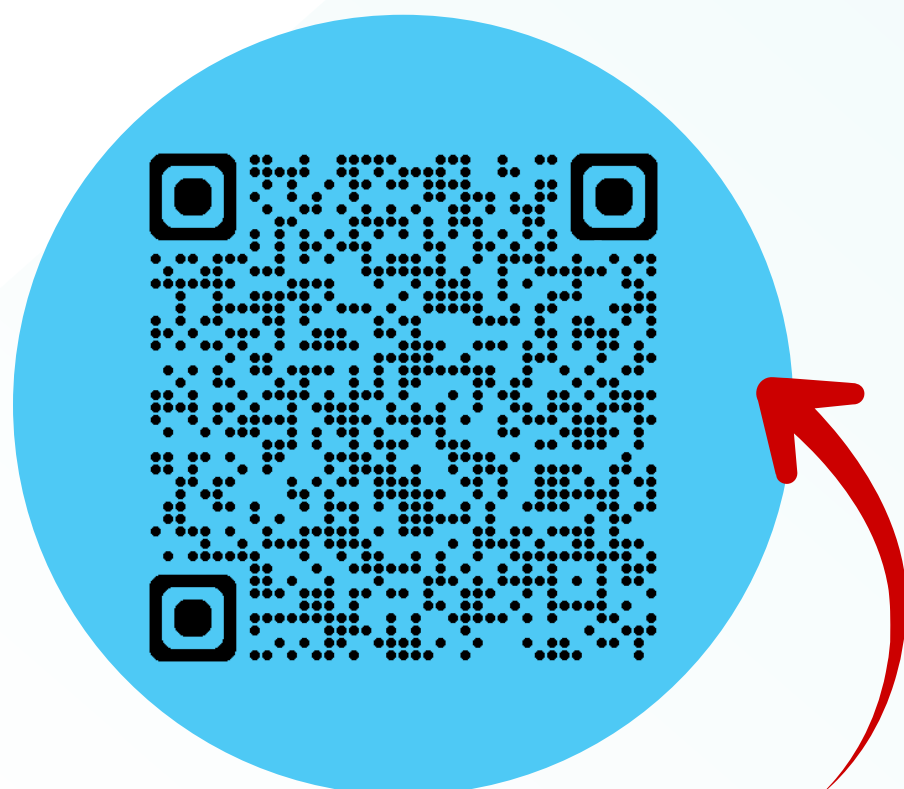
WHY IS LEAD TESTING NECESSARY?

There is no safe level of lead in the body. Even small amounts of lead can harm the body and brain development.

Testing allows for early detection and intervention for lead exposure.

Most children don't look or act sick. A blood test is the only way to know if they have been exposed.

Children exposed to lead can experience life long complications that can affect their ability to think, learn, and behave. They can also experience short and long-term health problems.



TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

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