

How Does My Child Have a High Blood Lead Level?

Many older homes built before 1978 were painted with lead-based paint. Water fixtures, things like pipes, sinks, faucets, and sink handles were also made with lead.

Children are at an increased risk for lead poisoning because they like to put everything in their mouths, this is one way lead gets into the body. Lead can also be inhaled by dust in the air. Dust is the most common way children are exposed to lead.

Why Does it Matter if my Child Has a High Blood Lead Level?

There is no safe level of lead in the blood. Elevated blood levels can cause very serious illness in children, Any level 5µg/dl or higher requires intervention and monitoring.



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Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for Underserved Asian Americans

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What Next?



What Do I Need to Do?

It is essential to your child's health to schedule and attend all follow up appointments.

When you make an appointment, tell the office you need an Interpreter. This service is free to you and must be provided per law in the State of Michigan.

You will need to see your Pediatrician every 4 to 6 weeks to have your child's venous blood checked for lead levels.

You will be connected with a RN Case Manager for Hamtramck. She will help you enroll your child in programs for nutritional and developmental support.

Home Safety Tips

- Wash your child's hands, toys, bottles, and pacifiers multiple times per day.
- Take your shoes off before going inside.
- Remove paint chips, throw them away in a plastic bag.
- Clean flat surface with soap and water, wear gloves while cleaning
 - Use disposable cleaning products and towels. This will prevent the lead from spreading.
 - Change the water in the bucket often, flush it down the toilet when finished
 - Rinse clean surfaces with fresh water to wipe away soap suds
 - Do not use a broom to sweep up lead dust, this spreads it in the air.

Apply to Have the Lead Removed from your Home

Lead Safe is a grant-funded program through Housing and Urban Development

It is **FREE** to many low-income people, who have children six years old and younger, who live in older homes built before 1978.

Applications can be picked up at 3100 Caniff Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Applications must be mailed in.

You can call (734) 727-7400 and request an application be mailed to your house.

After this, your home will be tested for lead and fixed if lead is present.