

*** LEAD TESTING REQUIREMENTS ***

The Allegheny County Health Department pursuant to Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law is requiring all students entering Kindergarten to present a record of being tested for blood lead levels. This is to help facilitate early detection and referral for treatment of lead poisoning. All public, parochial, private and charter schools in Allegheny County must obtain the following:

- Families shall provide proof of their child's lead testing along with their immunizations when registering for Kindergarten.
- Children should be tested between 9 and 12 months of age and again at 24 months of age.
- A "catch-up" provision allows any child to be tested prior to the start of Kindergarten or before they reach the age of 6.
- Parents need not report the result of the test just that the test was given.
- Parents may opt out under Religious or Medical exemptions. Exemption requests must be put in writing.
- The Allegheny County Health Department will administer the lead tests free for those children uninsured or underinsured. Please call 412-687-ACHD (2243) for more information.