



East Allegheny School District Notice of Lead Testing Requirements

September 20, 2018

Dear parents,

As of January 1, 2018, Allegheny County requires lead testing for all children in the county. **Children entering Kindergarten this fall will need to show that they have had two tests to measure his or her blood lead level.**

Here is what you need to know:

1. The new regulations require blood lead testing for all children at around 9-12 months old and again at around 24 months old. If your child did not have one or both of these tests, he or she should have a blood lead test as soon as possible.
2. We will accept any written proof from your child's doctor showing when the blood lead tests were done.

If your child doesn't have a doctor, doesn't have insurance, or if your insurance won't cover blood lead testing, lead testing is available at the Allegheny County Health Department Immunization Clinic listed below:

Hartley Rose Building
425 First Avenue, 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 578-8062
Tuesdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Thursdays 12-4 p.m.

3. You can request an exemption to the blood lead testing requirement if you have strong moral or religious objection to the test. A sample exemption form is included on the second page of the sample blood lead testing form.
4. Talk with your child's doctor about next steps if your child has elevated blood lead levels. You can also visit www.achd.net/lead or call 412-687-ACHD (2243) for more information about resources to reduce lead exposure at home.
5. A child will not be excluded from school if they have not had blood lead tests at 9-12 months and at 24 months, or if you don't have documentation of tests that have been performed. However, parents should have a "catch up" test as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping to implement universal lead screening in Allegheny County. To request additional brochures, or for more resources, please visit www.achd.net/lead.