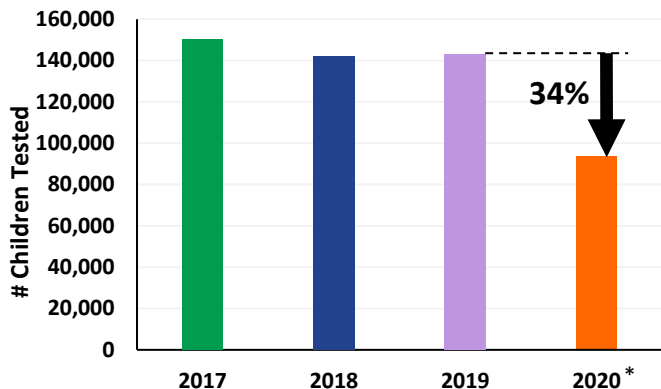


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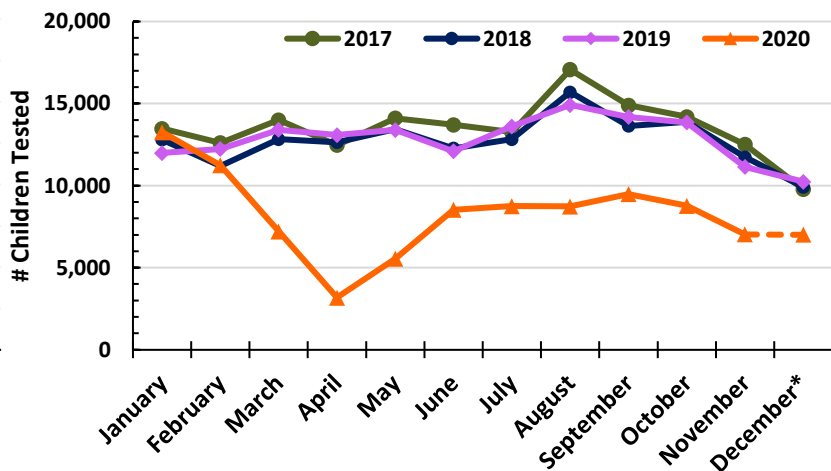


- Childhood blood lead testing has decreased during the pandemic.
- Early intervention for lead exposure is essential.
- There is no safe level of lead in blood.

Number of Michigan Children <6 Tested for Blood Lead Between January and December*



Monthly Number of Michigan Children <6 Tested for Blood Lead January 2017 to December 2020



*Data for December 2020 are provisional

In 2019, 2.7% of children tested (<6 years old) had an elevated blood lead level (EBLL $\geq 4.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$). Go to mitracking.state.mi.us/ for your area's lead data.

- **Contact your patients who are overdue for blood lead testing.**
- **Test for lead.** Early identification of children with elevated blood lead levels allows intervention to eliminate ongoing exposure.



Scan here for MDHHS Blood Lead Testing Quick Reference for Primary Care Providers



To learn more about lead poisoning prevention and blood lead testing, contact the **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**:
517-335-8885 or Michigan.gov/lead

