Blood lead testing is available throughout the community

Why is blood lead testing important?

A blood lead test **can** tell you if you or your loved ones have recent or ongoing exposures to lead. Blood lead tests **cannot** tell you if you were exposed to lead in the past.

Blood lead testing is particularly important for young children and pregnant persons because exposure to lead early in life has been shown to cause problems with learning, behavior, hearing and growth.

If a person has an elevated blood lead level, the goals are to identify the source of lead, stop the lead exposure, and to talk with their doctor to discuss any other tests or follow-up that might be needed. Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) can connect you with resources to accomplish these goals.

Children less than 6 years old with an elevated blood lead level are offered nurse case management through the BCHD, which includes a home visit with a registered nurse.

Where can you get a blood lead test?

Talk to your health care provider about blood lead testing. If you do not have a healthcare provider, contact BCHD Public Health Hotline at 800-815-5485 to discuss their available services for blood lead testing.

For questions about blood lead testing, please call the MDHHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 517-335-8885 or email them at MDHHS-CLPPP@michigan.gov.

Learn where you can get a blood lead test in the City of Benton Harbor on the back.

Get a blood lead test in Benton Harbor

For children at InterCare Family Health Network.

- 800 M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
- 855-869-6900

For children through the WIC program with BCHD.

- Call the BCHD Public Health Hotline at 800-815-5485 or visit BCHDMI.org for more information.

Mobile blood lead testing events

At these events, residents of Benton Harbor can have their blood drawn and lead levels tested for free.

For dates, times, and locations of mobile blood lead testing events, visit the mobile unit calander at Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe or scan the QR code below.

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