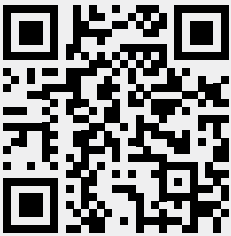


# Community Lead Testing

## Blood Lead Testing and Lead Testing for Toys



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](mailto:MDHHS-CLPPP@michigan.gov).

For more information about lead, visit us online at [Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](https://Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe) or by scanning the QR code with your phone camera.

### 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. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) 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 MDHHS, which includes a home visit with a registered nurse.

Talk to your health care provider about blood lead testing. If you do not have a health care provider, contact MDHHS to discuss their available services for blood lead testing.

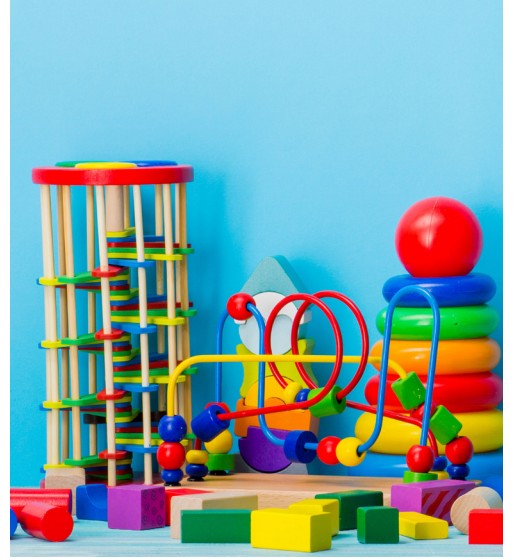
## Toy Testing

Many children get toys and toy jewelry as gifts during the holiday season. Some toys, especially some imported toys, antique toys, and toy jewelry may contain lead. The use of lead in plastics has not been banned as it may be used in the production and development of some plastic toys.

Lead dust can form on toys when some plastics are exposed to sunlight, air, and detergents that break down the chemical bond between the lead and plastics.

Lead also may be combined with other metals, such as tin, to create alloys that are used to make toys.

A blood lead test is the easiest way to find out if your child has been exposed to lead.



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