

# Universal Blood Lead Testing in Michigan



## Michigan Law Updates

Beginning April 30, 2025, Michigan law requires blood lead testing for young children.

All children must be tested at ages **12 months and 24 months**.

Children must be tested between **24 months and 72 months**, if their record does not show they were tested previously.

Children must also be tested at **age 4** if they live in geographic areas identified by MDHHS as **high-risk** for lead poisoning.



Scan the QR code or visit [Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](https://Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe) for a complete list of high-risk areas, questions and answers, and to view the law and rules.

Children under 72 months should be tested an **additional time** if they live in a home built before 1978 or in a home where other children with elevated blood lead levels live.

If a child is determined by a parent or physician to be at high risk for lead poisoning, the child must receive a test **within three months** of that determination.

By law, parents can choose not to have their child's blood tested for lead.

**For questions about blood lead testing, 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).**

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Lead exposure can harm anyone, and is particularly harmful to younger children. Exposure to lead can cause problems with:



Learning.



Growth rates.



Behavior.



Development of the nervous system.



Speech.



Hearing.

