

# KENTUCKY CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION



## Lead Risk Assessment

- Children: A verbal lead risk assessment should be done at 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months and 3, 4, 5 and 6 years of age. Any “Yes” or “I don’t know” response should result in a blood lead test.
- Pregnant women: A verbal lead risk assessment should be done at the first prenatal visit. Any “Yes” or “I don’t know” response should result in a blood lead test.

## Blood Lead Testing Guidance

- Medicaid enrolled children: All children are required at 12 and 24 months of age to receive a blood lead test. Any child who did not receive a blood lead test as required must receive one between 24 and 72 months of age. The Medicaid requirement is met when the child has the two lead tests, or the catch-up lead test.
- Refugee children: All infants and children, ages 16 and under, should receive an initial blood lead test with a follow-up test 3-6 months later regardless of the initial blood lead test result.
- Refugee girls and women: Should receive an initial blood lead test. For those age 18 and under, if the blood lead level is  $\geq 3.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ , a follow-up lead test should be completed 3-6 months after the initial test.
- The CDC recommends a venous lead test to confirm a capillary screening test of  $\geq 3.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  and all subsequent lead tests.
- Contact the KY Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for more information at [KYChildhoodLeadPoisoning@ky.gov](mailto:KYChildhoodLeadPoisoning@ky.gov).

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## Blood Lead Reference Level and Testing Methods



- The CDC sets the blood lead limit at 3.5 micrograms per deciliter of blood ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ). If a capillary test is performed with a result of 3.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  or greater, a confirmatory venous test should be completed as soon as possible. All subsequent lead tests should be a venous sample.
- The CDC recommended actions based on blood lead level are available at [www.cdc.gov/lead-prevention/hcp/clinical-guidance/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/lead-prevention/hcp/clinical-guidance/index.html).

**There is no safe level of lead!**

## CDC Developmental Milestones Periodicity Forms and Mobile App

Developmental milestones for children ages 2 months through 5 years are available at [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html).

- Milestone checklists can be printed or completed online and are available in several languages. These checklists include positive parent tips that can be given to parents.
- All of this great information is available on the CDC's Milestone Tracker mobile app!

## HANDS Program

- HANDS is a voluntary program at no cost for new or expecting parents. HANDS supports families as they build healthy, safe environments for the best possible development and growth for children. You may qualify for services if you or your loved one is currently pregnant or your baby is less than 90 days old.
- Learn more at <https://www.hands.ky.gov>



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