

Blood Lead Testing Guidelines

Children

Recommendations for Nebraska Healthcare Providers

- > Children under 6 years old (9–71 months) should be assessed for lead exposure risk at annual well child visits or more frequently, if necessary.
- > Blood lead test children with any risk factor identified on the questionnaire below.
 - > **Test** at 12 months and again at 24 months (1 and 2 years).
 - > **Test** at 24–71 months old (2–5 years) at least once if not previously tested.

Lead Risk Questionnaire for Children

If **Yes or Don't Know** to any question, blood lead test is recommended per age guidelines above.

1. Is child enrolled in Medicaid? **Testing required at 12 and 24 months of age per Medicaid**
2. Does child live in a high risk zip code? **Zip code list:** www.dhhs.ne.gov/lead/hcp
3. Does child live in or often visit a home built before 1950?
4. Does child live in or often visit a home built before 1978 that has been remodeled or renovated within the last year?
5. Does child have a sibling or playmate with lead poisoning or elevated blood lead level?
6. Does child live with an adult with a job or hobby that involves exposure to lead?
 - Metal manufacturing and foundries, welding, battery recycling
 - Building repair, renovation, and painting
 - Ammunition production, firing ranges, casting bullets
 - Making stained glass, pottery and glazing, auto repair
7. Does child's family use products from other counties that may contain lead? Such as traditional medicines, cosmetics, spices, or glazed pottery?
 - Traditional medicines: Ayurvedic medicine, bali gali, pay-loo-ah
 - Cosmetics and powders: surma, kohl, sindoor, kumkuma
 - Spices imported or brought in from another county
 - Glazed pottery and imported cookware
8. Is child a refugee, migrant, immigrant, foreign adoptee, or in foster care?

Additional Information

- > Capillary screening tests ≥ 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ should be confirmed with a venous test.
- > All blood lead levels are required to be reported to DHHS (regardless of the result).
- > Local health departments may recommend blood lead testing for additional populations.
- > Additional guidance on blood lead testing and management: www.dhhs.ne.gov/leadhcp

Nebraska High Risk Zip Codes

For Lead Testing in Children Under 6 Years Old

High risk zip codes for targeted blood lead testing in Nebraska children are listed by city.*

For complete lead testing recommendations, visit: www.dhhs.ne.gov/leadhcp.

City	Zip	City	Zip	City	Zip
Ainsworth	69210	Fairfield	68938	Omaha	68102, 68104, 68105, 68106, 68107, 68108, 68110, 68111, 68112, 68131, 68132
Arnold	69120	Fordyce	68736		
Ashby	69333	Franklin	68939		
Auburn	68305	Garland	68360		
Avoca	68307	Geneva	68361		
Beaver City	68926	Gibbon	68840		
Bee	68314	Grand Island	68801		
Beemer	68716	Gresham	68367		
Bladen	68928	Hardy	68943		
Blue Springs	68318	Hastings	68901		
Bradshaw	68319	Hebron	68370		
Bridgeport	69336	Holstein	68950		
Brock	68320	Howells	68641		
Burr	68324	Hubbell	68375		
Byron	68325	Humboldt	68376		
Cairo	68824	Johnson	68378		Orchard
Callaway	68825	Kenesaw	68956	Osceola	68651
Campbell	68932	Lawrence	68957	Oshkosh	69154
Carleton	68326	Leigh	68643	Otoe	68417
Carroll	68723	Lincoln	68502, 68503, 68508, 68510	Overton	68863
Cedar Bluffs	68015		Lindsay	68644	Oxford
Cedar Rapids	68627	Litchfield	68852	Pawnee City	68420
Central City	68826	Loup City	68853	Paxton	69155
Ceresco	68017	Lyman	69352	Pender	68047
Clatonia	68328	Madison	68748	Plainview	68769
Clay Center	68933	McCool	68401	Polk	68654
Comstock	68828	Junction		68401	Primrose
Craig	68019	Mead	68041	Raymond	68428
Curtis	69025	Merna	68856	Red Cloud	68970
Dannebrog	68831	Milligan	68406	Rushville	69360
Dawson	68337	Mitchell	69357	Saint Edward	68660
Deshler	68340	Monroe	68647	Scottsbluff	69361
Dunbar	68346	Nebraska City	68410	Scribner	68057
Duncan	68634		Nehawka	68413	Spalding
Elba	68835	Newman Grove	68758	Stanton	68779
Elm Creek	68836	Oakland	68045	Sterling	68443
Fairbury	68352	Ohiova	68416	Stromsburg	68666
				Superior	68978
				Syracuse	68446
				Talmage	68448
				Tilden	68781
				Trenton	69044
				Trumbull	68980
				Utica	68456
				Wahoo	68066
				Walthill	68067
				Wauneta	69045
				Wisner	68791
				Wolbach	68882
				Wood River	68883

*High risk zip codes are defined as having higher than average prevalence of children with elevated blood lead levels. For more information on the methodology, see the blood lead testing plan at www.dhhs.ne.gov/leadhcp.