

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?
 - Examples*
 - 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?
 - Examples*
 - 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		Orchard	68764
Ashby	69333	Franklin	68939		Osceola	68651
Auburn	68305	Garland	68360		Oshkosh	69154
Avoca	68307	Geneva	68361		Otoe	68417
Beaver City	68926	Gibbon	68840		Overton	68863
Bee	68314	Grand Island	68801		Oxford	68967
Beemer	68716	Gresham	68367		Pawnee City	68420
Bladen	68928	Hardy	68943		Paxton	69155
Blue Springs	68318	Hastings	68901		Pender	68047
Bradshaw	68319	Hebron	68370		Plainview	68769
Bridgeport	69336	Holstein	68950		Polk	68654
Brock	68320	Howells	68641		Primrose	68655
Burr	68324	Hubbell	68375		Raymond	68428
Byron	68325	Humboldt	68376		Red Cloud	68970
Cairo	68824	Johnson	68378		Rushville	69360
Callaway	68825	Kenesaw	68956	Saint Edward	68660	
Campbell	68932	Lawrence	68957	Scottsbluff	69361	
Carleton	68326	Leigh	68643	Scribner	68057	
Carroll	68723	Lincoln	68502, 68503, 68508, 68510	Spalding	68665	
Cedar Bluffs	68015	Lindsay	68644	Stanton	68779	
Cedar Rapids	68627	Litchfield	68852	Sterling	68443	
Central City	68826	Loup City	68853	Stromsburg	68666	
Ceresco	68017	Lyman	69352	Superior	68978	
Clatonia	68328	Madison	68748	Syracuse	68446	
Clay Center	68933	McCool	68401	Talmage	68448	
Comstock	68828	Junction		Tilden	68781	
Craig	68019	Mead	68041	Trenton	69044	
Curtis	69025	Merna	68856	Trumbull	68980	
Dannebrog	68831	Milligan	68406	Utica	68456	
Dawson	68337	Mitchell	69357	Wahoo	68066	
Deshler	68340	Monroe	68647	Walthill	68067	
Dunbar	68346	Nebraska City	68410	Wauneta	69045	
Duncan	68634	Nehawka	68413	Wisner	68791	
Elba	68835	Newman Grove	68758	Wolbach	68882	
Elm Creek	68836	Oakland	68045	Wood River	68883	
Fairbury	68352	Ohiova	68416			

*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.