

ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD TEST



ODH Lead Poisoning Prevention Surveillance System

- State law requires clinical laboratories to be approved by ODH.
- All clinical laboratories are required to report blood lead levels to ODH.
- Cases and investigations are open for health department staff.

Case Management

- Case management services are provided by local health departments to coordinate the care of children with elevated blood lead levels.
- Case managers work collaboratively with primary care providers and public health lead investigators to ensure that proper medical management and follow-up occurs.
- Case managers provide education to families about the effects of lead and how to reduce their child's lead level.

Public Health Lead Investigation

- A public health lead investigation occurs when a child's blood lead level is confirmed at 5 – 9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.
- A public health lead investigation with an environmental risk assessment occurs when a child's blood lead level is confirmed at 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ or higher.
- An investigator will attempt to identify lead hazards in a child's environment and provide guidance on avoiding those hazards.

Additional Practices

- All children with BLL ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ should be referred to Help Me Grow Early Intervention, as this automatically establishes eligibility for Early Intervention services.
- Encourage families to talk with their EI service coordinator about ways to facilitate communication between the early intervention program, school and the medical home