

TO: Parent/Guardian of a Kindergartner

FROM: Mandatory Blood Lead Testing Program

TOPIC: **Your child may need a blood lead test**

According to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services records, your kindergartner may not have received a blood-lead test. If your child has received a blood-lead test at any age before 6, please ignore this letter.

If your child has not been tested, have him or her receive a blood-lead test as soon as possible.

Medicaid, Hawk-i and many insurance plans will pay for a blood lead test. If you do not have a way to pay for this test and your child is 5 years-old or younger, contact our department or your local public health agency to help find a place for your child to receive the blood-lead test.

Lead poisoning happens to children in Iowa. Receiving a blood-lead test is the only way to tell if your child is lead poisoned.

In 2008, the State of Iowa passed the Mandatory Blood Lead Testing law that requires all children entering kindergarten have at least one blood-lead test.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the program:

Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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