

# FREE Lead Testing



## Protecting children from lead poisoning

Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to their lifelong health. Lead is a naturally occurring metal that can be found in the air, soil, dust and paint inside or outside of some homes and other buildings built before 1978.

Lead is toxic to everyone, but because their bodies are still developing and growing rapidly, lead is especially toxic to unborn babies and young children less than six years of age. No level of lead in the blood has been found to be safe but lead toxicity can be prevented.

## Lead testing

Your daycare center is working with the Indiana Department of Health to bring lead testing to your daycare. We encourage you to get your child(ren) tested.

Testing will involve a finger prick and take less than 10 minutes from start to finish. Results will be available within three minutes and sent home with your child. To participate, please fill out the consent form provided to you.

### Testing date:

### Testing time:

## Why test?

- Testing children is the only method of early detection of lead exposure
- Low levels of lead can cause developmental delay and organ damage

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