

**Illinois Department of Public Health  
Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire**

**ALL CHILDREN 6 MONTHS THROUGH 6 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ASSESSED FOR LEAD POISONING  
(410 ILCS 45/6.2)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Respond to the following questions by circling the appropriate answer.</b>	<b>R E S P O N S E</b>		
1. Is this child eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid, Head Start, All Kids or WIC?	Yes	No	Don't Know
2. Does this child have a sibling with a blood lead level of 10 mcg/dL or higher?	Yes	No	Don't Know
3. Does this child live in or regularly visit a home built before 1978?	Yes	No	Don't Know
4. In the past year, has this child been exposed to repairs, repainting or renovation of a home built before 1978?	Yes	No	Don't Know
5. Is this child a refugee or an adoptee from any foreign country?	Yes	No	Don't Know
6. Has this child ever been to Mexico, Central or South America, Asian countries (i.e., China or India), or any country where exposure to lead from certain items could have occurred (for example, cosmetics, home remedies, folk medicines or glazed pottery)?	Yes	No	Don't Know
7. Does this child live with someone who has a job or a hobby that may involve lead (for example, jewelry making, building renovation or repair, bridge construction, plumbing, furniture refinishing, or work with automobile batteries or radiators, lead solder, leaded glass, lead shots, bullets or lead fishing sinkers)?	Yes	No	Don't Know
8. At any time, has this child lived near a factory where lead is used (for example, a lead smelter or a paint factory)?	Yes	No	Don't Know
9. Does this child reside in a high-risk ZIP code area?	Yes	No	Don't Know

**A blood lead test should be performed on children:**

- with any "Yes" or "Don't Know" response
- living in a high-risk ZIP code area

All Medicaid-eligible children should have a blood lead test at 12 months of age and at 24 months of age. If a Medicaid-eligible child between 36 months and 72 months of age has not been previously tested, a blood lead test should be performed.

If there is any "Yes" or "Don't Know" response; **and**

- there has been no change in the child's living conditions; **and**
- the child has proof of two consecutive blood lead test results (documented below) that are each less than 10 mcg/dL (with one test at age 2 or older), a blood lead test is not needed at this time.

Test 1: Blood Lead Result \_\_\_\_\_ mcg/dL Date \_\_\_\_\_ Test 2: Blood Lead Result \_\_\_\_\_ mcg/dL Date \_\_\_\_\_

If responses to all the questions are "NO," re-evaluate at every well child visit or more often if deemed necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Doctor/Nurse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Illinois Department of Public Health  
Guidelines for Blood Lead Screening and Lead Risk Assessment**

- **Blood lead screening** is defined as obtaining a blood lead test. **Lead risk assessment** is defined as evaluation of potential for exposures to lead based on questionnaire responses.
- **It is always appropriate to obtain a diagnostic blood lead test when a child is symptomatic or potential exposure to lead has been identified, regardless of child's age.**
- Illinois has defined ZIP code areas at high risk and low risk for lead exposure based on housing age and poverty rates. Review the list of ZIP codes and determine status of ZIP codes in your area.
- In Illinois, all children from **low-income families** (i.e., Medicaid-eligible children) should receive a blood lead test at ages 12 and 24 months, even if they live in a low-risk ZIP code area. If the child is 3 through 6 years old and has not been tested, a blood lead test is required.

**Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire**

- Complete the Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire during a health care visit at ages 12 and 24 months.
  - If responses to all the questions are "NO," re-evaluate at every well child visit or more often if deemed necessary.
  - If any response is "YES" or "DON'T KNOW," obtain a blood lead test
- Consider evaluating children before 12 months of age, depending on the area.
- If the child is age 3-6 years **and**
  - 1) there is any "YES" or "DON'T KNOW" **and**
  - 2) has had two successive blood lead test results that were each less than < 10 mcg/dL with one of these tests at age 2 years or older **and**
  - 3) risks of exposure to lead have not changed, **further blood lead tests are not necessary.**
- If the child is 1) 3-6 years, **and** 2) all answers to the Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire are "NO," **and** 3) risks of exposure to lead have not changed, a blood lead test is not necessary.
- If the child is 3-6 years of age and risks of exposures to lead have increased, obtain a blood lead test.
- Continue to use the Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire through age 6.

**For children living in Chicago:**

- A blood lead test for children age 3 and younger should be obtained at 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months **OR** at 9, 15, 24 and 36 months.
- Children 4 through 6 years of age with prior blood lead levels <10 mcg/dL should have an annual risk assessment. A blood lead test should be performed if risk increases or if the child exhibits persistent oral behaviors.

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