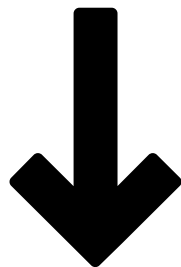
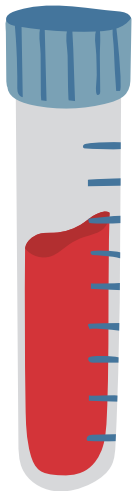


NEW: LOWER LEAD ACTION LEVEL

To better protect Maryland children, effective October 28, 2022, the blood lead level of concern will lower to 3.5 micrograms/deciliter. A lower level is a reflection of the progress Maryland has made in reducing childhood lead exposures. This new lower level means there will be additional children identified who may benefit from state and local resources available to help families with lead-exposed children.

Acceptable blood levels will decrease from 5 micrograms/deciliter to 3.5 micrograms/deciliter.



No Level of Lead is Safe!



Because there is no safe level of lead in a child's body, all children in Maryland are required to be tested for lead at ages one and two years or when lead exposure is suspected. Your child may be tested for lead as part of their regular care by a doctor or clinic. Be sure to ask your doctor or clinic about testing your child for lead.

If a test for lead is positive, your doctor will provide guidance and will perform follow-up testing for your child. Be sure to follow your doctor's directions carefully and allow officials to provide services, including educational recommendations, to help limit future lead exposure, information on healthy nutritional choices, environmental testing of your home and services to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Get Your Child Tested

Get Your Home Tested

Get Help

<https://bit.ly/MDELeadProgram>

