



Testing your child for lead poisoning

How do I know if my child is lead poisoned?

Most children who have lead poisoning do not look or act sick. The only way to know if your child has lead poisoning is to have your doctor give your child a special blood test for lead.

Can lead hurt my child?

Yes, it can. Children who have lead poisoning can get very sick. Children can get sick if they eat lead paint or breathe lead in dust. Children who get sick from lead may have trouble learning in school.

When should my child get tested for lead poisoning?

If your children are one or two years old, you should get them tested for lead poisoning. Also, have your children tested if they are between the ages of one and six years and have not been tested for lead before.

Can my child get a free blood test for lead poisoning?

If you have Medi-Cal or if you are in the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP), the test is free when your child gets a check-up. Many private health insurance plans also will pay for this test.

For more information, contact the Solano County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (707) 784-8070.



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