

SOUTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear parents,

As of January 1, 2018, Allegheny County requires lead testing for all children in the county. **Children who entered kindergarten this fall need to show that they have had two tests to measure his or her blood lead level.**

Here is what you need to know:

1. The new regulations require blood lead testing for all children at around 9-12 months old and again at around 24 months old. If your child did not have one or both of these tests, he or she should have a blood lead test as soon as possible.
2. We will accept any written proof from your child's doctor showing when the blood lead tests were done. A sample blood lead level testing form is attached that can be filled out by you and signed by the child's doctor]. Or, you can provide other written proof showing when the tests were performed. Please send proof of testing to the school nurse by December 17, 2019
3. If your child doesn't have a doctor, doesn't have insurance, or if your insurance won't cover blood lead testing, here are health clinics nearby that can do the test:

McKeesport Family Health Center
412-664-4112
627 Lysle Blvd. McKeesport, PA 15132
www.pchspitt.org

ACHD McKeesport Lead Testing, Wander Bldg.
412-664-8871
339 Fifth Avenue, Suite 208
McKeesport, PA 15132
First Thursday of each month 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lead Testing at the Allegheny County Health Department Immunization Clinic
Hartley Rose Building
425 First Avenue, 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 578-8062
Tuesdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Thursdays 12-4 p.m.

4. You can request an exemption to the blood lead testing requirement if you have strong moral or religious objection to the test. A sample exemption form is included on the second page of the sample blood lead testing form.
5. Talk with your child's doctor about next steps if your child has elevated blood lead levels. You can also visit www.achd.net/lead for more information about resources to reduce lead exposure at home.
6. A child will not be excluded from school if they have not had blood lead tests at 9-12 months and at 24 months, or if you don't have documentation of tests that have been performed. However, parents should have a "catch up" test as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping to implement universal lead screening in Allegheny County. Please contact my office with any additional ideas or questions. To request additional brochures, or for more resources, please visit www.achd.net/lead.

Thank you,



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Allegheny County Health Department

Lead Testing Record

To be filled out by parent or guardian

Student first and last name: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: PA Zip code: ____-____

Parent or guardian name: _____

To be filled out by health care provider

Date of most recent lead test: ____/____/____

X _____

Signature (PLEASE CIRCLE - physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, health department staff)

Date: ____/____/____

If exemption is requested, please fill out back of form.

Other acceptable proof of testing: any written statement by the child's health care provider.

Allegheny County Health Department

Statement of Exemption to Lead Testing Regulation

To be filled out by parent or guardian

Student first and last name: _____

Birthdate: ___/___/___

Address: _____ City: _____

State: PA Zip code: _____ - _____

Parent or guardian name: _____

Religious or Strong Moral/ Ethical Conviction Exemption

State your reason/s for requesting this exemption (required): _____

Signed _____
(Parent or guardian)

Date ___/___/___

To be filled out by health care provider

Medical Exemption

The physical condition of the above-named child is such that blood lead testing may be detrimental to his/her health.

Signed _____
(Physician)

Date ___/___/___