

BLOOD LEAD LEVELS

 <p>Below 10µg/dL Below 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood</p>	<p>This is a normal blood lead level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » If you live in an older home with peeling paint your child(ren) under age 6 may need to be tested again within the next year.
 <p>10-14 µg/dL 10-14 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood</p>	<p>This level is slightly above the level that is considered normal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Your child may need to be tested again in 3-6 months. Talk with your doctor. » Look for lead hazards around your home--we'll send you information that will help you.
 <p>15-19 µg/dL 15-19 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood</p>	<p>This level means your child has a mild exposure to lead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Your child needs another blood test in 3 months. Talk with your doctor. » We will provide information to help you look for hazards around your home. » If your child has a second blood lead test result in this range and you live in Alameda County, call the Program at (510) 567-8282 and speak with one of our Public Health Nurses.
 <p>20-44 µg/dL 20-44 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood</p>	<p>This level means your child has a moderate to high exposure to lead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Immediately make a medical appointment for a confirming blood lead test and lead poisoning checkup. » Lead hazards must be found and reduced. We will provide information to help you look for lead hazards around your home. » Follow your doctor's recommendation for retesting and keep all medical appointments.
 <p>Above 44 µg/dL Above 44 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood</p>	<p>Lead poisoning at this level is serious.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Your child needs a full medical checkup and treatment NOW! » Your child may need to be in the hospital for specialized treatment. Your doctor will advise you. » Lead hazards must be found and removed. Your child needs a lead safe home to get well. The lead Program will provide recommendations for decreasing exposure to lead. » Follow your doctor's recommendations for retesting and keep all medical appointments.