



## Erie County Health Department

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## FY 2019 COVID-19 HUD Lead Hazard Control Risk Assessor Protection Policy

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Erie County Health Department (ECHD) shall take the necessary measures to protect its Lead Risk Assessor's from exposure to the virus during field work. Measures will require Risk Assessor's to screen occupant health status, use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and practice social distancing during the duration of the risk assessment. The occupant(s) of the home will be required to sanitize any frequently touched surfaces (i.e. door handles, countertops, etc.) prior to scheduled risk assessment. Effective immediately, ECHD Risk Assessor's will use the following measures for each risk assessment:

- Risk Assessor will have their temperature read and recorded prior to their work shift.
- Lead Risk Assessor will screen occupant health status over the phone the day of scheduled risk assessment for COVID-19 common symptoms. If occupant has been experiencing coughing, sneezing, low grade fever (100F), the risk assessment will be postponed and occupant will be reassessed over the phone after 14 days.
- Risk Assessor will be equipped with the following PPE:
  1. Surgical mask
  2. Vinyl gloves
  3. Lightweight protective suit
  4. Disposable shoe covers
  5. Hand sanitizer
- Lead Risk Assessor may not proceed with assessment unless all PPE are available and they are responsible for wearing PPE at all times during the assessment.
- Occupant/Landlord must sanitize all hand contact surfaces with 1 tablespoon of household bleach per 24 ounces of water, prior to risk assessment.
- All occupants must vacate the home for the duration of the risk assessment. In addition, any pets associated with the property must be removed from the home during inspection, or be secured in a location where the LRA will not come into contact with them. In the event the occupant(s) refuse, the risk assessment will be immediately canceled.
- Risk Assessor shall wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer on a frequent basis throughout the risk assessment.

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- Risk Assessor shall clean and sanitize all equipment that was used following a completed risk assessment. Lead Risk Assessor is responsible for sanitizing the exterior surfaces of the XRF device/case, camera, tape measure and tool box. Sanitizing will be done in accordance with CDC's recommendation of 5 tablespoons of household bleach per gallon of water.

Requirements for PPE, social distancing, and sanitizing of equipment are also required during lead clearance examinations.