

## Recommended Schedule for Follow-up of Blood Lead Draw

### Obtaining a Confirmatory (Venous) Test for Follow-up of Capillary Blood Draw

Blood $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$	Time to confirmation testing
$\geq$ Reference Value – 9	1 – 3 months
10 - 44	1 week – 1 month*
45 - 49	48 hours
60 - 69	24 hours
$\geq$ 70	Urgently as emergency test

\*The higher the BLL on the screening test, the more urgent the need for confirmatory testing.

(Adapted from: *Screening Young Children for Lead Poisoning: Guidance for State and Local Public Health Officials*. Atlanta: CDC; 1997.)

**NOTE:** 1) Reference value = 5-9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$

2) IDPH recommends follow-up testing for 10 – 19  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  at 1 – 3 months

### Follow-Up Blood Lead Testing After a Confirmatory (Venous) Blood Draw

Venous Blood Lead level $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$	Early follow-up testing (2-4 tests after identification)	Later follow-up testing after blood lead level is declining
$\geq$ Reference Value – 9	3 months*	6 – 9 months
10 - 19	1 – 3 months*	3 – 6 months
20 - 24	1 – 3 months*	1 – 3 months
25 - 44	2 weeks – 1 month	1 month
$\geq$ 45	As soon as possible	As soon as possible

\*Some case managers or physicians may choose to repeat blood lead tests on new patients within a month to ensure their BLL level is not rising more quickly than anticipated.

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