

Childhood Lead Poisoning



City of Long Branch Health Department

Lead exposure continues to be an on-going health challenge and there is no safe level of lead in children. While lead exposure can damage a child's learning and development, it can be fully 100% avoided and prevented. New Jersey is one of just 17 states that require *universal lead screening of all children at age 1 and again at age 2.*

The Health Department partners with the FQHC Monmouth Family Health Center on Broadway, Visiting Nurse Association Hospital Group and private physicians that do childhood blood lead testing. All positive blood leads are reported to the NJ Department of Health electronically via LeadTrax. Children with reported positive blood lead levels then receive nursing case management follow-up and other public health activities as required by New Jersey's statutory laws, codes & standards.