

Indiana Lead Testing Recommendations

- **Testing Refugee Populations:** CDC recommends refugee children aged 6 months to 16 years should be tested upon entry into the United States. Testing should be repeated 3 to 6 months after placement in a permanent residence, regardless of initial test results. All pregnant and lactating women and girls should be tested. All newly arrived pregnant or breastfeeding women should be prescribed a prenatal or multivitamin with adequate iron and calcium. Referral to a healthcare provider with expertise in high-risk lead exposure treatment and management may be indicated for EBLLs.
- It is recommended that clinicians **assess all children** for the risk of lead exposure from ages 6 months to 6 years **at every well child visit**.

Verbal Risk Assessment:

The **Verbal Risk Assessment** helps health care providers assess a child’s potential level of risk of exposure to lead hazards. It also provides health care providers an opportunity to educate families about lead hazards. **If the answer to any question on the Verbal Risk Assessment is “Yes” or “I don’t know,”** then:

- Test the child for lead toxicity at that time
- Test the child at least annually or if any other risk factor exists. Continue to test until the child turns 6 years old or responses to the assessment change.
- Provide lead toxicity prevention education

* Completion of the assessment does not meet the Medicaid testing requirement.

In the past year, has your child lived in, near, or regularly visited:	Yes	No	I don’t know
A house built before 1978 that has peeling, chipping, or flaking paint?			
A house built before 1978 that has been remodeled within the past 6 months?			
A sibling, cousin, or friend who has been diagnosed or treated for lead toxicity?			
A factory or industrial plant or mine?			
Mexico, India, Middle East, Central America, South America, Africa, or Asia?			
In the past year, has your child been around adults who:	Yes	No	I don’t know
Have a job that causes them to have frequent contact with lead (e.g. plumbers, construction, auto repair, metal/battery recycling, welders)?			
Have a hobby that causes them to have frequent contact with lead (e.g. hunt, fish, reload bullets, refinish furniture, work with stained glass, jewelry making)?			
In the past year, has your child consumed:	Yes	No	I don’t know
Food or beverages from ceramic cookware/dishware or imported pottery?			
Food or candy with spices imported or brought in from another country (such as turmeric)?			
Ayurvedic medicines or home remedies (such as Azarcon, Greta)?			
Dirt or non-food items regularly (more than the typical baby mouthing behavior)?			
Cosmetics imported or brought from another country (such as Thanaka, Kohl)?			