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Allegheny County Health Department Housing and Community Environment Program response to elevated blood lead tests

In PA, all blood lead test results on both venous and capillary specimens for persons under 16 years of age must be reported into PA-NEDSS (Pennsylvania’s version of the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System) (PA Code, Title 28, Chapter 27). **Reporting lead test results into PA-NEDSS is the best way to ensure your patients receive follow up services.**

ACHD monitors PA-NEDSS to identify confirmed elevated test results.

If a child’s venous test result is between 5-9 ug/dl

If a child’s venous test result is at or above 10 ug/dl

A Housing representative will call the family to:

- Provide education on how to prevent and reduce lead exposure.
- Offer guidance to identify and deal with potential lead hazards in the environment.
- Provide information about the Safe and Healthy Homes program/ Lead Safe program
- Provide contact information for Early Intervention services

Staff make 2 attempts to reach families and leave voicemails each time

A Housing representative will call the child’s provider to
i) let them know that the family will be contacted;
ii) confirm the family’s contact information; and iii) ask for a written referral from the provider (if needed).

A Housing representative will call the family within 1 or 2 days to offer a free voluntary home risk assessment. Staff make 2 attempts to reach families on different days and times, and leave voicemails each time. If there is no response, a letter will be mailed.

If the family declines the risk assessment, Housing will provide education and prevention information over the phone.

If the family accepts the risk assessment, a day and time will be scheduled.

A Housing representative will call the doctor’s office to inform that the family declined the risk assessment.

The risk assessment will take place, including education and prevention information.

A copy of the risk assessment report will be mailed to the doctor’s office and the family.