

LEHIGH COUNTY

YOUR CHILD TESTED POSITIVE FOR LEAD – NOW WHAT? SIX STEPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET HEALTHIER

STEP #1: CALL TO GET HELP FOR YOUR CHILD

FOR KIDS WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA) OR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

- Your Medical Assistance or CHIP plan will help you get the care your child needs such as testing your home for lead, getting the lead out of your home and getting health care services.
- Find your insurance plan below, call the number listed and ask for help.

Amerihealth Caritas (MA)
1-(800) 684-5503

Geisinger (MA & CHIP)
1-(855) 214-8100

Health Partners (MA & CHIP)
1-(866) 500-4571

Highmark Whole Care (MA) *
1-(800) 392-1147
* Formerly Gateway Health

UPMC (MA & CHIP)
1-(866) 463-1462

FOR KIDS WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE

- Call the 1-800 number on the back of your child's health insurance card and ask, "My child tested positive for lead. Can you help me get my house tested for lead and my child health care services?"

FOR ALL KIDS

- Call your local health department or state health center and tell them, "My child tested positive for lead. Please help me get my house tested and my child health care services."

Lehigh County: (610) 821-6770

- For Allentown City Residents: Allentown Bureau of Health (610) 437-7759
- For Bethlehem City Residents: Bethlehem Bureau of Health (610) 865-7083



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STEP #2: GET YOUR HOME TESTED FOR LEAD

FOR KIDS WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA) OR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

- All Medical Assistance and some CHIP plans will pay to have a company test your home for free.
- Your child's doctor needs to contact the company and tell them your child tested positive for lead.
- You can call the company and schedule the test. Find your insurance plan below and call the number listed to schedule a test.

Amerihealth Caritas (MA)

Accredited Environmental Technologies
(800) 969-6238

UPMC Pinnacle's ELI Program

Joyce A. Ravinkas
(717) 782-6443
(717) 782-4608

Geisinger (MA & CHIP)

Accredited Environmental Technologies
(800) 969-6238

Health Partners

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(800) 969-6238

Highmark Whole Care (MA) *

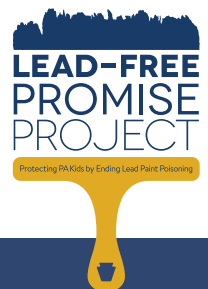
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FOR ALL KIDS

- Call your local health department or state health center and ask if they have programs to test your home for lead. **Lehigh County: (610) 821-6770**
 - For Allentown City Residents: Allentown Bureau of Health (610) 437-7759
 - For Bethlehem City Residents: Bethlehem Bureau of Health (610) 865-7083
- Hire a company to test your home. Call one of the companies above or find a company approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) here - bit.ly/EPAAbatement.
- Call more than one company to compare prices.



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STEP #3: GET THE LEAD OUT OF YOUR HOME

LEHIGH COUNTY LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAMS

- There are two FREE programs for families with low to moderate incomes to get the lead out.
 - You may qualify if:
 - you rent or own your home
 - you are pregnant
 - you have a child under six years old that lives with you or spends at least 60 hours a year in your home
- For more information and to apply for the program contact:
For Allentown Residents:
Tanya Allison
(610) 437-7610 ext. 2709
Tanya.allison@allentownpa.gov
OR
For Bethlehem Residents:
Jessica Lucas
(610) 865-7083
jlucas@bethlehem-pa.gov

If you do not qualify for the Lead Hazard Control Program, see below to hire a private company.

HIRE A HOME LEAD REMOVAL COMPANY

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the PA Department of Labor and Industry have lists of approved lead removal companies you can hire. The EPA list is here - bit.ly/EPAAbatement and the PA Department of Labor and Industry list is here - bit.ly/PAAbatement.
- Call more than one company to compare prices.

CALL YOUR LOCAL WEATHERIZATION OR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

- This **Weatherization Program** for homeowners and renters is not specifically for removing lead hazards in homes, but the program can remove old windows with deteriorating lead-based paint, which are a major lead hazard.
 - Community Action Lehigh Valley
Weatherization Program
(484) 893 - 1122
- This **Housing Rehabilitation Program** is for low-income homeowners to do critical household repairs/ replacement for heat and hot water appliances, roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, and unsafe doors and windows, but they can also address problems that cause lead hazards and remove those hazards as part of the repair/replacement process.
 - Community Action Lehigh Valley
Housing Rehabilitation Program
(610) 691 - 5620

Important: Removing chipping and peeling lead paint can be dangerous if it's done by a person or company that is not certified to work with lead. Please do not remove the lead without a certified person or company.

CLICK HERE TO GET INFORMATION FOR STEP #4, #5 AND #6.



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