

WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Westwood, Massachusetts

LEAD SCREENING REGULATION

The Department of Public Health regulations, effective March 1, 1990, requires children to present evidence of having been previously screened for lead poisoning as a condition for entry into kindergarten. Parents of children who were screened at age 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years should request a note from their pediatrician or health care provider that the child has been screened.* If children entering kindergarten have never been screened for lead poisoning, they can receive a simple screening test from their pediatrician, health care provider, or the Board of Health. Children who enter school at grade one or higher do not have to present evidence of having been previously screened.

For more information, contact the Childhood Lead Poisoning Program at 800-532-9571 or the nurse at your child's neighborhood elementary school at 781-326-7500: Tricia DeAngelis (Deerfield, x8201), Ellen Nadeau (Downey, x8337), Eileen Galvin (Hanlon, x7522), Dawnmarie Shu (Martha Jones, x6263), or Lori Brown (Sheehan, x7125).

*Evidence of lead testing, date, and results may be submitted on the physical examination form along with the dates of immunization.