

WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Westwood, Massachusetts

LEAD SCREENING REGULATION

The Massachusetts Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Regulation ([Lead Law](#)) requires all children to be screened for lead poisoning multiple times through the age of three. A child must be screened once between the ages of 9-12 months, again at age 2, and again at age 3. Children must be screened once more at age 4 if they live in a high risk community or in a high risk environment (other lead poisoned children in the same home, or a home built prior to 1978 that is under renovation). To see if a child you treat lives in a high risk community, click [here](#) for the most recent high risk community list. Every child must have a lead screening test before they can enter daycare, Kindergarten, or preschool.

On December 1, 2017 the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) amended its Lead Law. It lowered the blood lead level in the regulatory definition of Lead Poisoning, established a new Blood Lead Level of Concern category, and instituted additional screening guidelines for these blood lead levels.

For more information, contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (617) 624-5714 or the nurse at your child's neighborhood elementary school at 781-326-7500: Amy Garber (Deerfield, x8202), Ellen Nadeau (Downey, x8337), Eileen Galvin (Hanlon, x7522), JoEllen Doyle (Martha Jones, x6263), or Lori Brown (Sheehan, x7125).

For additional information on lead screening, please follow this [link](#).

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