

Why should my child get a blood lead test?



1. Lead is very dangerous for young children. It can cause:

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
- Slowed growth and development
- Learning and behavior problems
- Hearing and speech problems

2. Cayuga County has many older homes. This means there is a chance that your children have been exposed to lead through lead paint, soil or other household sources.

3. Most of the time, children exposed to lead will not show any symptoms. The only way to know if they have been exposed is if they get a blood test.

4. Young children often put non-food items, such as toys, in their mouths. This increases their risk of getting lead in their body.

Ask your doctor to give your children a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months old.

To learn more about lead poisoning prevention, contact the contact the Cayuga County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (315) 253-1560 or visit cayugacounty.us/health.



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