

Blood Lead Analysis

Sample Collection Resources

The Vermont Department of Health offers resources to pediatric providers so that capillary specimens for blood lead levels can be collected in the office and tested at the Health Department laboratory at no fee. Testing all children at age 1 and 2 is recommended in the Vermont Periodicity Schedule.

The following services are available:

- Blood lead sample collection supplies and analysis of specimens at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory are currently available at no charge to the submitter. Call 800-660-9997 or 802-863-7335 to set up an account and order sample collection and shipping supplies.

Check with the hospital in your area to inquire about using courier services that are set up to deliver specimens to Burlington. It may be possible to arrange for your blood lead samples to be dropped off at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory at 195 Colchester Avenue in Burlington.

- The Vermont Department of Health district office in your area can train your staff to collect the blood lead sample using the finger stick method. Call your local district office to set up a training session:

Barre	479-4200	Newport	334-6707
Bennington	447-3531	Rutland	786-5811
Brattleboro	257-2880	St. Albans	524-7970
Burlington	863-7323	St. Johnsbury	748-5151
Middlebury	388-4644	Springfield	885-5778
Morrisville	888-7447	White River Jct.	295-8820

- Instructions for specimen collection are available in the Provider's Toolkit. <http://healthvermont.gov/family/toolkit/toollist.aspx>
- For other questions about lead poisoning prevention resources and information, call the department's Lead Hotline at 800-439-8550 (in Vermont) or 802-865-7786.