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TXCLPPP NEWS

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ABOUT US

The Blood Lead Surveillance Group

The Blood Lead Surveillance Group (**BLSG**), within the Texas Department of State Health Services (**DSHS**), works with health, housing, and environmental organizations to eliminate lead poisoning as a public health problem in Texas. **BLSG** is made up of the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (**TXCLPPP**), and the Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance Program (**ABLES**).

TXCLPPP

TXCLPPP maintains a surveillance system of blood lead results on children younger than 15 years of age. The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 88, makes all blood lead levels in children younger than 15 years of age a reportable health condition.¹ Physicians, laboratories, hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities must report all blood lead tests to TXCLPPP.

Follow-Up Procedures for Children

TXCLPPP conducts follow-up activities on children with blood lead levels (BLL)s at or above 10mcg /dL; the level at which Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) recommends public health actions be initiated. To determine when follow-up blood lead testing is necessary, use the Pb-109 form, Reference for Follow-up Blood Lead Testing and Medical Case Management (see page 7).

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ABLES

ABLES maintains a surveillance system of blood lead test results on individuals 15 years of age and older. The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 84, makes all BLLs in adults a reportable health condition.² Physicians, laboratories, hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities must report all blood lead tests to **ABLES**.

Follow-Up Procedures for Adults

In 1999, CDC defined an elevated blood lead level (EBLL) in an adult as 25mcg/dL. Recent research has documented harmful health effects of blood lead levels well below this level. In 2009, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), a national organization of public health epidemiologists, recommended lowering the EBLL in an adult from 25mcg/dL to 10mcg/dL.³ CSTE collaborates with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to improve state-based occupational health surveillance.

In conjunction with NIOSH's case definition and CSTE's recommendations, **ABLES** conducts follow-up activities on individuals with BLLs at or above 10 mcg /dL. This includes the collection of demographic and occupational information from the laboratory, healthcare provider, and/or employer, when necessary.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Guidelines for Prenatal Care Providers

ABLES is working with healthcare providers across Texas to create Lead Poisoning Prevention Guidelines for Prenatal Care Providers. The guidelines will outline actions to take for lead poisoning prevention among women of childbearing age, pregnant women, and postpartum women. It will also include follow-up management of lead poisoning in pregnant women, postpartum women, and neonates.

¹ www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.88.htm

² www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.84.htm

³ www.cste.org/ps2009/09-OH-02.pdf

How to navigate our website

This issue provides basic navigation tips for finding information on our website. For a picture guide on how to navigate our website go to pages 4-5.

Introduction

All web pages follow the same layout to display their information:

- Every page has a banner across the top for access to various websites within **DSHS**.
- On the left-hand side of the page is the menu which helps you navigate the section.
- In the middle of the page sits the main information.
- Some pages will display a right-hand side column with extra information of interest as well as links to other websites, or links to events.

Home Page

The **BSLG** home page provides access to the main sections of the website. We have distinct sections for **TXCLPPP** and **ABLES**.

Landing Page

After selecting a section from the home page, you will be directed to that section's main page. We call this a landing page. The landing page provides access to information that is specific to the selected section.

In addition to **TXCLPPP** and **ABLES**, other landing pages include:

Basic Information

The dangers of lead, symptoms of lead poisoning, where lead is found, lead in the workplace, lead around the home.

Data, Statistics, and Surveillance

Annual Reports, Strategic Plans, County Level Data, Census Data

For Providers

Forms, Screening and Testing Guidelines, Literature and Publications, Reporting, Laws & Administrative Code

Educational Materials

Lead Fact Sheets, Brochures, Pamphlets, Posters

Local CLPPP Programs

Contact information for Local CLPPPs funded and not funded by TXCLPPP.

Literature Catalog

Free of charge, order forms and literature from the DSHS online publications catalog.

Text Version

The Text Version of this website will not display images or graphical menus. This version is recommended for users of Screen Readers, slow internet connections and mobile browsers.

Contact Us

TXCLPPPs mailing address, phone number, fax, and email address

The Blood Lead Survey

A picture guide to

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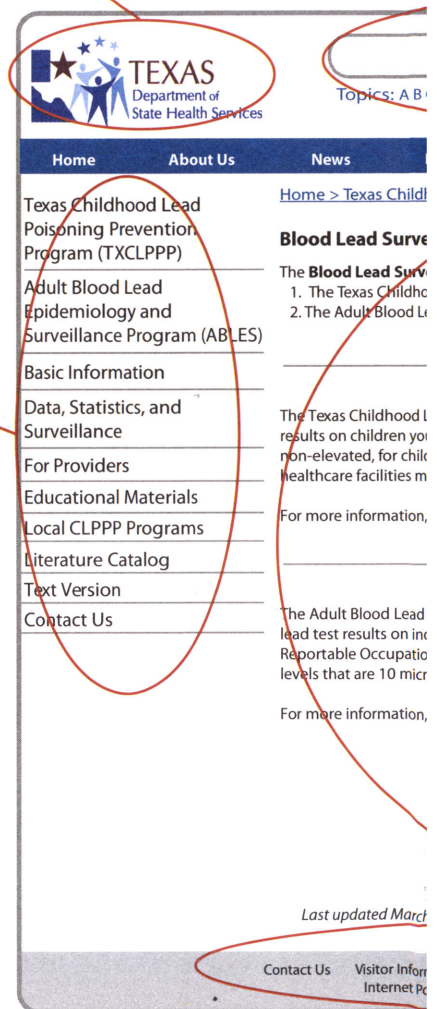
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The top left logo will lead you back to the DSHS homepage.

The navigation bar is a menu that lists the section's main categories.



The items listed here will link you to a specific DSHS website.

Surveillance Group: navigating our website

The search engine is powered by DSHS and displays content that matches your search query.

The screenshot shows the website's search bar at the top, which is highlighted with a red oval. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links for 'I want to...', 'Resources', and 'Find Services'. The main content area is titled 'Blood Lead Surveillance Group' and contains two sections: 'Blood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (TXCLPPP)' and 'Epidemiology and Surveillance Program (ABLES)'. A right-hand side column contains a list of links: 'Forms', 'Screening', 'Resources', 'Newsletters', 'Reporting, Laws, Administrative Code'. The footer contains various utility links like 'Site Map', 'Search', and 'Topics A-Z'. Red lines and ovals connect these elements to explanatory text boxes.

Some pages will display a right-hand side column with extra information of interest as well as link to other relevant pages on the site, links to other websites or links to events.

In the middle of the page sits the main information.

TXCLPPP eNews

Online e-news, blogs, and PDF versions of publications are becoming more popular, both as a replacement for and as a supplement to printed publications. With the introduction of hand-held devices that can make reading blogs, news, and other online content even easier, publications are taking on a new digital form.

Beginning with volume 8, all publications will be exclusively released in electronic format. This means that you will no longer receive our newsletter in the mail. To ensure you continue to receive our quarterly newsletter, please fill out the Email List sign-up form below.

Ways you can receive the newsletter

- (1) Download the electronic copies (pdf) from www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead.
- (2) Fill out and submit the form below to receive the newsletter via email.

TXCLPPP eNews Email Sign-UP Form

Use the Email List sign-up form to receive a quarterly email of TXCLPPP eNews. This allows you to stay current with any national or local changes.

Complete Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

*Email Address: _____

Are you a: Physician Physician Assistant Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
 Registered Nurse Other: _____

Pease fax form to: 512-458-7699	or email to: Feedback-CLPPP@dshs.state.tx.us
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Blood Lead Surveillance Group Publications

Healthcare Provider Forms - Available Online Only at www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead/providers.shtm

<p>F09 - 11709: Childhood Blood Lead Level Report Used by healthcare providers to report a child's blood lead level(s).</p>
<p>F09-11624: Adult Blood Lead Reporting Form (F09-11624) Used by healthcare providers to report blood lead level(s) for children/adults 15 years of age and older.</p>
<p>Pb-100: Lead Assessment Interview Tool Used by healthcare providers to interview the parent/guardian of a child with a diagnostic elevated blood lead level to determine possible source(s) of lead exposure.</p>
<p>Pb-101: Request for Environmental Investigation Used by healthcare providers to request and Environmental Lead Investigation for a child with a venous blood lead level test result of 20 mcg/dL and higher, or two separate venous BLL tests collected at lead 12 weeks apart in the 15-19 mcg/dL range.</p>
<p>Pb-102: Provider Questionnaire Used by healthcare providers for follow-up of elevated blood lead levels of a child.</p>
<p>Pb-103: Elevated Blood Lead Level Investigation Questionnaire Used by Lead Risk Assessors to conduct Environmental Lead Investigations.</p>
<p>Pb-104: Physician Checklist for Parent Education Topics Used by healthcare providers to determine the appropriate lead educational material to provide parents for medical care, environmental intervention, and nutritional intervention.</p>
<p>Pb-109: Reference for Follow-up Blood Lead Testing and Medical Case Management Used by healthcare providers to determine when follow-up blood lead testing is necessary. Specifically: "Schedule for Obtaining a Diagnostic Venous sample", "Schedule for Follow-up Venous Blood Lead Testing After Diagnostic Venous Sample", and "Recommendations for Children with Diagnostic Elevated Blood Lead Levels".</p>
<p>Pb-110: Risk Assessment for Lead Exposure (English and Spanish) The risk assessment questionnaire is designed to be administered to the parent by the healthcare provider. Questions are provided in English along with Spanish versions to assist with Spanish speaking parents.</p>

Healthcare Provider Education - Available Online and DSHS Warehouse

<p>1-312: A Guide for Educators: What all New Parents Need to Know (Brochure)</p>
<p>1-313: Childhood Lead Testing: Getting a Good Specimen (Poster)</p>
<p>Blood Lead Screening Guidelines for Texas Children: Quick Reference Guide</p>
<p>TX CLPPP News (Quarterly Newsletter) - Available Online Only</p>

For the Parent - Available Online and DSHS Warehouse

<p>1-26: Protect Your Children From Lead Poisoning (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>1-307: Lead Around the Home (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>1-308: Lead in Your Food and Remedies (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>1-309: Lead in the Workplace and at Home (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>1-310: My Child Has a High Lead Level (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>1-311: How Lead Affects Your Child's Health (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>6-49: Lead in Industry: Guide for Employers & Employees (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>09-04628: Firing Ranges: The Airborne Lead Dust Hazard - Shooter's Guide</p>
<p>09-04644: Firing Ranges: The Airborne Lead Dust Hazard - Employer's Guide</p>
<p>09-13410: How Pica Affects a Pregnant Woman and Her Unborn Baby (English and Spanish)</p>
<p>09-13409: How to Protect Your Family from Lead Exposure (English and Spanish)</p>



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