

	WASHINGTON STATE STANDING ORDER TO PERFORM BLOOD LEAD TESTING
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SUBJECT: Blood Lead Testing Standing Order

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2025

AUTHORITY: This standing order is issued under [RCW 43.70.183](#), which authorizes the Secretary of Health or their designee to issue a prescription or standing order for any biological product, device, or drug for purposes of controlling and preventing the spread of, mitigating, or treating any infectious or noninfectious disease or threat to the public health.

PURPOSE: Reducing childhood lead exposure is an important public health strategy that helps to protect children's health. Blood lead testing is necessary to identify lead in children and adults so that steps can be taken to reduce their exposure. Children's test results over the public health action level reported to the Department of Health are provided to the local health jurisdiction for follow up with the family. While each local health jurisdiction's response is determined locally, follow-up can include providing education, investigation, resources, and recommendations to address exposure. Test results provide information that helps prioritize public resources and focus lead program activities to those who need it most.

AUTHORIZATION: This standing order authorizes licensed health care professionals in Washington State to:

- Collect blood samples via capillary and venous draws for the purpose of analyzing levels of lead in blood;
- Perform blood lead analysis on blood samples using a point-of-care machine, including, but not limited to, the LeadCare II Portable Blood Lead Analyzer; and
- Submit collected blood samples to an accredited laboratory for analysis.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: To act pursuant to this standing order, a health care professional must:

- Have the necessary legal authorization or licensure in Washington State to collect blood samples via capillary or venous draws.
- If analyzing blood samples using a point-of-care machine, comply with the approved instructions for use and complete all relevant training provided by the manufacturer. For the LeadCare II Blood Lead Analyzer (waived under CLIA document number K052549), such training includes training available from Magellan on the LeadCare II website.
- If submitting samples to a laboratory for blood lead analysis, submit samples to a laboratory that is licensed as required by law.
- Provide blood lead test results, regardless of the blood lead level, to the patient or their parent/guardian, along with information on referrals or next steps the family can expect.

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- Report all blood lead test results, regardless of the blood lead level, to the Washington State Department of Health in compliance with chapter 246-101 WAC.

For more information on requirements or how to report results, contact the Department of Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (lead@doh.wa.gov or 360-236-4280) or visit the Department of Health's website at <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-provider-resources/healthcare-professions-and-facilities/professional-resources/blood-lead-testing/blood-lead-reporting>.

EXPIRATION, RENEWAL AND REVIEW: This standing order will expire on the date that the physician who signed the order revokes it or ceases to act as the Secretary of Health's designee, whichever comes sooner. This standing order shall be reviewed annually against current best practices and may be revised or updated if new information about blood lead testing necessitates it.



April 28, 2025

Physician Signature

Date

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