

Requirements for Lead Testing*

Alabama

* This information is subject to change

Licensure

Facility must: Hold a CLIA Certificate of Waiver or higher.

1. Complete the application for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/cms116.pdf>)
2. Mail or fax completed applications to:
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Division of Health Care Facilities CLIA Program
PO Box 303017
Montgomery, AL 36130-3017

For questions or more information, please contact Health Provider Standards at (334) 206-5120 or email at Tamika.Shepherd@adph.state.al.us

Patient Testing

Training Tools: www.LeadCare2.com/training

Facility must: Confirm capillary blood lead test results greater than or equal to 5µg/dL with a venous sample by a reference lab.

Quality Control

Facility must: Run two levels of Quality Control according to the manufacturer's instructions, which are:

1. Each new lot of test kits.
2. Each new shipment of materials even if it's the same lot previously received.
3. Each new operator (i.e. operator who has not performed the test recently).
4. Monthly, as a check on continued storage conditions.
5. When problems (storage, operator, instrument, or other) are suspected or identified.
6. If otherwise required by your laboratory's standard QC procedures.

Result Reporting

Reporting Solutions by State: www.LeadCare2.com/reporting

Facility must:

1. Report blood lead results of greater than or equal to 5 µg/dL, within 5 days of diagnosis to the Department of Public Health in writing or by an approved electronic format.
2. Report using the Elevated Blood Lead Environmental Surveillance Form (ADPH-FHS-135) found here at http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/acldppp/assets/FH135_Rev.12.17_Lead_Env_Report_Form.pdf The Department of Public Health strongly requires that ALL blood lead results be reported.
- a. Report all blood lead levels less than 5 µg/dL within 30 days using the Non-Elevated Report Form. http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/acldppp/assets/Non-Elevated_Report_Form_fillable.pdf
3. All reports should be faxed to (334) 206- 3726

For more information, please contact the Alabama Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (334) 206-3883.

Proficiency Testing

Contact Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) proficiency program for more information about their program at (800) 462-5261 or go to <http://www.slh.wisc.edu/proficiency/>

Still Have Questions?

- Call LeadCare Technical Support at (800) 275-0102
- Please contact the Alabama Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (334) 206-2966