

Requirements for Lead Testing*

Connecticut

* 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 completed applications to:
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM
Department of Public Health
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134

For questions or more information, please contact Paul Bzowycyk at (860) 509-7699.

Patient Testing

Training Tools: www.LeadCare2.com/training

Facility must: Confirm capillary blood lead test results greater than or equal to 5 µg/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 10 µg/dL to the local health department and the Department of Public Health within 48 hours of analysis by fax or mail.
 - a. Contact the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (860) 509-7299 for the report form.
2. Report ALL blood lead results at least monthly to the Department of Public Health. Preferred method of reporting is electronically via LeadCare Report software. Optional reporting is available via fax and mail.
 - b. Go to www.leadcare2.com/reporting/ to download a FREE copy of LeadCare® Report Software.

For additional information on reporting, please contact Jimmy Davila of the Connecticut Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (860) 509-7277.

Proficiency Testing

Recommended: To monitor the quality of your blood lead testing program.

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 Product Support at (800) 275-0102.
- Contact the Connecticut Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (860) 509-7299.