

Requirements for Lead Testing*

Louisiana

* 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, email or fax completed applications to:
CLIA Laboratory Program
PO Box 3767
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Fax: (225) 342-9349
E-mail: alexa.little@la.gov

For questions and more information, please contact Alexa Little at (225) 342-9234.

Patient Testing

Training Tools: www.LeadCare2.com/training

Facility must: Confirm all capillary blood level results that are greater than or equal to 5 µg/dL with a venous sample test 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.

Critically Elevated Blood Lead Levels

Facility must: Report blood lead results greater than or equal to 10 µg/dL within 24 hours by fax to (504) 568-8253 and mail the original lead case reporting form within 5 business days to:

LHHCLPP, Office of Public Health
PO Box 60630
New Orleans, LA 70160

Result Reporting

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

Facility must:

1. Report ALL blood lead results to the Louisiana Childhood Lead Prevention Program within 2 weeks using an approved electronic format.
 - a. Go to <http://www.leadcare2.com/reporting/> to download a FREE copy of LeadCare[®] Report Software.

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
- Please contact the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (504) 568-8254