

# Requirements for Lead Testing\*

# Tennessee

\* This information is subject to change

## Licensure

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*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:  
Division of Health Licensure and Regulation  
Office of Health Care Facilities, CLIA Certification  
665 Maintstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
Phone: (615) 741-7023 FAX: (615) 532-2700  
Contact: Sandra Bogard

For more information, contact the CLIA program at (615) 741-7023 or visit <http://www.tn.gov/health/article/hcf-federal>

## Patient Testing

**Training Tools:** [www.LeadCare2.com/training](http://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.

For more information refer to [http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/Lead\\_Screening\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/Lead_Screening_Guidelines.pdf) or visit <http://www.tn.gov/health/article/MCH-lead-providers>.

## Quality Control

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*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](http://www.LeadCare2.com/reporting)

*Facility must:*

1. Report NORMAL (<5µg/dL) blood lead results MONTHLY either via state approved electronic format or via fax. Complete [Form PH-4155](#) and fax to the Housing and Environmental Health, University of Tennessee Extension at (865) 974-5370.
2. Report a lead result of 5 µg/dL or greater WEEKLY either via state approved electronic format or via fax using [Form PH-4156](#) to Housing and Environmental Health, University of Tennessee Extension at (865) 974-5370.
3. To report blood lead levels using the web, visit <https://leadinput.tennessee.edu/leadin/>

For more information on reporting, and to download forms, visit <http://health.state.tn.us/MCH/lead.shtml> or email [leadtrk@utk.edu](mailto:leadtrk@utk.edu) with questions.

## Proficiency Testing

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*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?

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- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Call the Tennessee CLPPP at (615) 532-8462 or visit <http://www.tn.gov/health/topic/MCH-lead>