

Requirements for Lead Testing*

Texas

* 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:
HEALTH FACILITY COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Patient Quality Care Unit
Texas Department of State Health Services
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756-3199

For questions or more information, please contact the Texas Health Facility Compliance Division at (512) 834-6792 or on the internet at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/facilities/clia.aspx>.

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 ALL blood lead results to TX DSHS using the complimentary LeadCare Reporting Software.
 - a. Go to www.leadcare2.com/reporting to download a FREE copy of LeadCare Report Software and instructions for use.
 - b. Enter the data, create a report and send it to DSHS.
 - c. All lead levels are required to be reported per the Texas Notifiable Conditions list. Detailed instructions are in the Texas User's Guide found with the software.
 - d. You may also contact the DSHS Blood Lead Surveillance Group at (800) 588-1248 or at TexasBloodLead@dshs.texas.gov for additional assistance.

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
- Call TX DSHS Blood Lead Surveillance Group at (800) 588-1248