

Requirements for Lead Testing*

Vermont

* 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. Email (preferred) or fax completed applications to:
Division of Licensing and Protection
Email: Tammy.Wehmeyer@vermont.gov
Fax: (802) 871-3318

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, prior to a lead investigation. A confirmatory venous sample is required by the Vermont Dept of Health to begin an investigation.

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 levels of 45 µg/dL or greater immediately by telephone to the Vermont Department of Health at (802) 863-7220 or (800) 439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont).

Result Reporting

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

Facility must:

1. Electronically report ALL blood lead test results on all Vermont residents regardless of age of the patient or the result of the test to the Vermont Department of Health within 14 days for results less than 45 µg/dL or immediately (by telephone) for results of 45 µg/dL or greater.
2. Please refer to: Vermont Law VSA Title 18 § 1755 (Blood Lead Testing and Reporting Rule) or <http://www.healthvermont.gov/about-us/laws-regulations/rules-and-regulations>

For reporting forms, please contact Epidemiology Surveillance Specialist, Mike Sullivan at (802) 652-2061 or Michael.Sullivan@vermont.gov

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 Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (802) 863-7220 or (800) 439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont)