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# Blood Lead Reporting Guidelines for Healthcare Providers

## How to report

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At the end of 2022, the State of Montana updated the reporting requirement for elevated blood lead to the following:

- Lead levels in a capillary blood specimen of  $\geq 3.5$  micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ) in a person less than 16 years of age; or
- Lead levels in a venous blood specimen at any level

Link: [37.114.203 : Reportable Diseases and other Conditions of Public Health Importance - Administrative Rules of the State of Montana](https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/ruleno.asp?RN=37.114.203)  
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Lab results should be reported via the Montana Infectious Disease Information System (MIDIS). Alternatively, reports can be made to 406.651.6435.

## CDC recommended retesting timeline

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If you have a patient with a blood lead level greater than 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends specific actions for treatment and follow up testing. Please see the CDC website for up-to-date recommendations:

Link: [Recommended Actions Based on Blood Lead Levels](https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/advisory/acclpp/actions-blls.htm)

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