

Iowa Department of Public Health
CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING RISK QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be completed by the Child Care Business owner)

You may use this questionnaire to decide whether children in your care are at risk of childhood lead poisoning. If the answer to any question is “yes,” then children (or a specific child) are at high risk for lead poisoning and should receive blood lead testing according to the high-risk testing schedule below. If you do not know the answer to any of the questions, then assume the answer is “yes” and that the children are at high-risk. Even if the answers to all of the questions regarding your child care facility are “no,” the child could still be at high risk for lead poisoning based on conditions in their own home. Children who are known to be at low risk for lead poisoning should receive blood lead testing according to the low-risk schedule. Parents may ask their child’s physician or contact their county health department to inquire about a location where childhood blood lead testing is available.

Question	Yes	No
1. Was your facility built before 1960?		
2. Have you noticed any peeling or chipping paint inside or outside the pre-1960 facility?		
3. Has the pre-1960 facility been remodeled or renovated by any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stripping, sanding, or scraping paint on the inside or outside of the facility or • Removing walls and/or tearing out lath and plaster? 		
4. Do any of the children in your care eat non-food items like dirt?		
5. Have any of the children in your care had lead levels greater than or equal to 10µg/dL?		
6. Do the children in your care come in contact with an adult who works with lead on the job or hobby? (examples of work or hobbies: painter, welder, foundry or smelting, old home renovator, shooting range, battery plant, battery recycling center, ceramics, stained glass, sheet metal, scrap metal, plumber) <i>Note: the list is not exhaustive of all of the types of work/hobbies where people are exposed to lead.</i>		
7. Is your facility near a battery plant, battery recycling center, or lead smelting plant?		
8. Do children in your care use folk medicine/remedies?		
9. Do the children in your care eat candy that comes from Mexico or is purchased from a Mexican grocery store? (Examples: picarindo, vero palerindas)		
10. Have any of the children in your care lived in Mexico, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, or eastern Europe, or visited one of these areas for a period longer than 2 months?		

BASIC LEAD TESTING CHART
(Based on Risk and Age)

