

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 7, 2020
TO: Iowa Elementary Schools
FROM: Stuart Schmitz, IDPH Toxicologist
RE: Results of 2019-2020 kindergartner's blood lead data match

Thank you for collaborating in the report of your kindergartners for the 2019-2020 school-blood lead data match.

Below are the results of the data match for this school year, 2019-2020, and the results for 2018-2019. Note that this year, we had two thousand more students and six more schools compared to last year. The percentage of kindergartners who according to our records needed a blood lead test increased slightly (25.20% Vs 24.43%).

School year 2019-2020

Total Match	Total No-Match	Total Students	% Match	Number of Participating Schools
29,857	10,060	39,917	74.80%	704

School year 2018-2019

Total Match	Total No-Match	Total Students	% Match	Number of Participating Schools
28,506	9,216	37,722	75.57%	698

In the following weeks, we will contact the school's authorities of the elementary schools that did not report their list of kindergartners this year. Iowa Administrative Code (641), Chapter 67 mandates collaboration with the Department of Public Health to ensure kindergartners comply with the blood lead testing requirement.

We are still in the process of developing a pilot project to obtain the list directly from the Department of Education (DOE). Once that takes place, we will compare the results of the data provided by DOE with the results of the data provided by the schools. Then we will inform you of the results.

In addition, we will contact you in May with information on the procedure to obtain the list of kindergartners of the school year 2020-2021.

Please continue providing new email addresses of the staff who will be in charge of your kindergartner's records next year to:

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