

<b>Title</b>	<b>Blood Lead Specimen Collection and Transport</b>
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	<p>Capillary and Venous blood specimens are accepted from all Health Care Providers throughout the State in support of the Lead and Healthy Homes Program.</p> <p>Specimens are accepted for both Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible patients.</p> <p>All children enrolled in Medicaid should be tested at 1 and 2 years of age, or at 3 to 6 years of age if not tested previously. Testing of children enrolled in Medicaid should be done regardless of risk factors.</p> <p>Any child or adult at risk for Lead Poisoning can be tested. Contact your Local Health Department for more information.</p> <p>Capillary blood from a fingerstick is collected onto a filter paper card to screen for Lead poisoning. Filter paper cards are provided to registered submitters upon request.</p> <p>Whole Blood Venous specimens for confirmatory or follow-up testing should be collected in purple top vacutainers.</p>
<b>Sampling Materials</b>	<p>Health Care Providers may request supplies for specimen collection and transport in support of the Lead and Healthy Homes Program at <a href="https://www.in.gov/health/public-health-protection-and-laboratory-services/lead-and-healthy-homes-division/supply-order-form/">https://www.in.gov/health/public-health-protection-and-laboratory-services/lead-and-healthy-homes-division/supply-order-form/</a>. Health Care providers can call 317-233-1296 to register for program participation.</p> <p>Collection supplies such as lancets, dried blood spot cards, postage-paid business reply envelopes, and venous mailing tubes are provided at no charge.</p>
<b>Procedural Notes</b>	<p>Two full circles of capillary blood spots should be collected on each filter paper card.</p> <p>Venous specimens are collected in purple top vacutainer tubes that are supplied by the submitter.</p> <p>Submitters should use LimsNet to enter demographic information for each specimen at <a href="https://eportal.isdh.in.gov/LIMSNET/Login.aspx">https://eportal.isdh.in.gov/LIMSNET/Login.aspx</a></p> <p>Email ISDH Lims App Support for an account: <a href="mailto:LimsAppSupport@isdh.IN.gov">LimsAppSupport@isdh.IN.gov</a></p>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	<p>Filter paper card specimens can be mailed to the lab in the provided postage-paid business reply envelopes. Not more than 6 specimen cards should be put in one envelope. No special labeling or refrigeration is necessary.</p> <p>ATTENTION: Blood Lead Lab INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 550 W 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite B INDIANAPOLIS IN 46202</p> <p>Venous specimens should be sent in the venous mailing tubes that conform to USPS and Biological Substance UN3373 Category B requirements. Refrigeration is not necessary.</p> <p>All venous specimens should be delivered or shipped to:</p> <p>ISDH Laboratories Blood Lead Lab 550 W. 16th Street, Suite B Indianapolis, IN 46202</p>
<b>Reporting and TAT</b>	<p>Blood Lead results are reported in ug/dL. Turnaround is highly dependent upon receipt of the specimens from the US Postal Service. Specimens are typically delivered to the lab about 8 days after mailing.</p>

