



To my Health Care Provider:

As a Detroit resident,

I am concerned about whether these environmental exposures have had any impacts on my health or that of my family. **In this visit, and as often as needed, please be sure to check lead levels in both children and adults in my household.**

As you may be aware, federal law mandates blood lead testing for children enrolled in Medicaid at ages one and two years, or once between the ages of three and six. Additionally, Michigan law requires that children enrolled in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program receive blood lead testing (MCL § 400.111). In Detroit specifically, a city ordinance requires annual blood lead testing for children between six months and six years old, with more frequent testing for those with elevated blood lead levels (Cooper Sargent, 2021)¹.

While federal and state laws primarily focus on children, I would also like to request lead testing for the adults in my household since lead exposure can have significant health impacts on all age groups, especially those living in high-risk areas such as Detroit.

Consistent blood lead testing is crucial in preventing lead poisoning and ensuring the health and safety of our community. Your attention to this matter and your assistance in adhering to these guidelines will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about lead contamination, please feel free to contact:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: 333 S. Grand Ave

P.O. Box 30195 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Call (517)241-3740.

MI Lead safe program: Call (866) 691-5323

Detroit Health Department: 100 Mack Ave, Detroit, MI 48201

Call (313) 867-4000.

Thank you,

Detroit Resident

¹ Cooper Sargent, M. (2021, December 9). *All Michigan children should be tested for lead at one and two years of age.* Ecology Center. <https://www.ecocenter.org/all-michigan-children-should-be-tested-lead-one-and-two-years-age>)