



Winnebago County

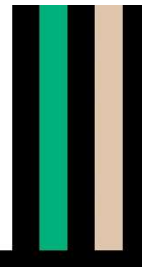
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Health ALERT



Lead Testing Levels in Children Decrease to 3.5 µg/dL

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Effective January 1, 2025, lead levels exceeding 3.5 µg/dL (micrograms per deciliter) in children, requires public health intervention as detailed below.

Illinois Law Requires:

- **Testing** any child residing in a high-risk ZIP code at 12, 24, and 36 months.
- **Completing** the [IDPH Childhood Lead Risk Questionnaire](#) during a well-child or health care visit for children at 12 and 24 months of age and once a year for ages 3, 4, 5, and 6 years.
- **Testing** any child with risks identified in the IDPH Childhood Lead Risk Questionnaire.
- **Public Health Intervention** for blood tests which come back with lead levels in excess of 3.5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL).

High Risk Zip Codes in Winnebago County:

- 61024
- 61063
- 61077
- 61079
- 61080
- 61101
- 61102
- 61103
- 61104
- 61107
- 61108
- 61109
- 61111

Public Health Intervention Includes:

- A home inspection to determine the source of the lead contamination.
 - If lead is found, the inspector will work with the homeowner to remove the sources of lead.
- A home visit from a public health nurse to provide referrals, developmental screening, and education on how to further prevent and protect children from the harmful effects of lead.

For additional information and/or referral, please contact the Winnebago County Health Department at 815-720-4050.

Additional Resources:

- IDPH Childhood Lead Risk Questionnaire: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/lead-poisoning-prevention/families-of-lead-exposed-children.html>
- WCHD Prevent Lead Poisoning: <https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/prevent-lead-poisoning/>

