

Mobile Lead Testing Van

Learn about the Onondaga County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's Mobile Lead Testing Van!

Q. Who can be tested on the mobile lead testing van?

A. The mobile lead testing van will test children ages 1 and 2 who have not completed the lead testing required by the New York State Department of Health or as needed to participate in specific programs.

Q. Where will the mobile lead van offer lead testing?

A. The mobile testing van offers lead testing at scheduled events with community partner sites and community health events by appointment. If you can't make it to a community testing event, please call us at 315-435-3271 and we will make other arrangements for your child to be tested.

Q. Why should my child get a lead test?

A. Lead puts children at risk for lifelong learning, growth, and behavior problems. There are usually no signs a child has been exposed to lead. A blood test is the only way to tell.

Q. How do I know if my child needs a lead test?

A. You can complete the lead test inquiry form [here](#) to determine if your child is in need of a lead test or call the Onondaga County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 315-435-3271. If your child is in need of a lead test, our testing team will contact you to schedule an appointment.

Q. How does the mobile lead van test my child for lead?

A. Finger stick tests are done using Lead Care II testing equipment. These tests are simple, fast, and easy!

Q. How do I prepare for my child's lead test?

A. Make sure your child drinks plenty of water and eats a good meal before their lead test. This makes it easier to collect their blood sample during the test. It's also important for the child to get plenty of sleep the night before the test. You may bring a comfort item, such as a favorite toy or blanket, for your child to hold during the test. This may help to keep them calm and relaxed while the test is being done.

Q. How soon will I know my child's lead test results?

A. Lead test results are known in just a few minutes!

Q. What if my child's finger stick lead test result is high?

A. If your child's finger stick test result is high, your child's lead level will need to be confirmed with a laboratory blood draw. This is needed to determine whether your child requires additional testing or other services.

Q. How can I get updates on the mobile lead testing van?

A. You can follow our Onondaga County Lead Poisoning Prevention [Facebook](#) page for updates on the mobile lead testing unit and for information on lead poisoning prevention!

Q. What if my child's laboratory blood draw test results are still elevated?

A. After your child's high lead level is confirmed, a Health Department lead case manager will contact you to provide case management services for your child. A Health Department Lead Inspector will inspect your home, to identify any lead paint hazards. If lead paint hazards are found, the property owner will need to fix it. Your child will need to be retested to make sure their lead levels go down.

