

Hello **[Insert Guardian Name Here]**,

We want to encourage you to have your child tested for lead. Since lead is a serious issue in Indiana; it has serious life-altering impacts on the physical and mental growth of children between the ages of 0-5 years old. Since you have put your trust in us to ensure your child's safety and development we want to include a little information on what lead poisoning is, and how it can affect children.

Lead poisoning happens when lead — a toxic metal commonly found in the paint, dust, and soil around older homes and even playgrounds — builds up in the body. Bit by bit, lead can collect in a child's blood, brain, and bones, harming development.

Even if a child appears healthy, they can still have toxic levels of lead in their body. At these levels, lead poisoning can affect your child's language, attention, and even IQ. The only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead is to get them tested.

For more information visit these websites and contact your child's primary care doctor.

[www.ikecoalition.org](http://www.ikecoalition.org)

[www.indianaleadfree.org](http://www.indianaleadfree.org)

Sincerely,

**[Childcare Center Name]**

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