

Lead Prevention Updates

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to offer resources to **communities impacted by the Exide Technologies contamination**. This newsletter gives lead prevention resources and public health updates for residents:

-- COMMUNITY RESOURCES --

FREE BLOOD LEAD TESTING:

- Research shows that lead poisoning causes long term health effects. Children are most at risk. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health encourages residents to get a blood lead test early on to prevent lead poisoning, especially children and pregnant women.
- **To request a free blood lead test, call: 1-844-888-2290 or ask your primary doctor.**

For blood lead testing questions, contact: EXIDEOutreach@ph.lacounty.gov or (213) 738-3220.

FREE PROGRAM TO REMOVE LEAD-BASED PAINT FROM HOMES

- You can learn more about lead contamination in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health booklet, **“The Invisible Danger”**. The booklet includes:
 - ✓ Stories from residents impacted by Exide and medical specialists.
 - ✓ Information on how to apply for **free interior and exterior lead paint removal** through the Lead-Free Homes LA Program.
- **To view the pamphlet, visit:**
 - ✓ **English:** https://issuu.com/news_review/docs/lead_090420
 - ✓ **Spanish:** https://issuu.com/news_review/docs/lead-spanish?fr=sNzdhZjU0ODU5

*Note: Due to COVID-19 the **Lead-Free Homes LA Program** has been paused and will resume January 2021. Exide area residents can still submit applications. For more information about the Lead-Free Homes LA program, please call (626) 586-1959.*

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S DEVELOPMENT?

LA County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program offers **FREE VIRTUAL Lead Awareness Presentations**. Presentations are available in English and Spanish for parents and community groups. To schedule a virtual presentation, please contact: **1-800-LA-4-LEAD** (800.524.5323)

-- UPDATES --

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health launched the **Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness Campaign**. The campaign informs LA County residents about free and low-cost blood lead screenings available in their area. Blood lead screening is available to anyone who lives in LA County regardless of their immigration or employment status.
- **AB 2276** got signed into law, requiring:
 - ✓ Department of Health Care Services, managed care plans and providers to prioritize lead screening services for Medi-Cal children.
 - ✓ Medi-Cal managed plans are required to identify enrolled children who have not received the required lead tests.
 - ✓ Medi-Cal managed plans are required to notify the child’s healthcare provider, parent or guardian, and state regulators about the missed tests.