Onondaga County Health Department
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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# Exposure Investigations vs Home Inspections

## Exposure Investigations
- Investigative process required for Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs
- Involves protected health information
- Requires EPA Risk Assessor Certification and use of XRF
- Requires detailed interview of parent/guardian and assessment of risk to occupants
- Uses intact/non-intact standard to identify hazards

## Home Inspections
- Inspection process used by municipal code enforcement, Section 8 or other housing program, insurance companies, real estate, grant programs
- Generally does not involve protected health information
- May not require EPA certification or use of XRF
- Uses “de minimus” standard to identify hazards
Response to Elevated Test Results

Review All Test Results

Elevated Test Received (> 5 mcg/dL)
  - Health Dept. Role
    - CM Services Exposure Investigation
  - Health Care Provider Role
    - Developmental Screening
    - Nutritional Evaluation
    - Follow-up Testing

Not Elevated
  - No action required
# Onondaga County Blood Lead Testing

## Current Strategies
- Physician Performance Evaluation
- In-person Physician Support Visits
- Collaboration with RLRC & CNYCF for Lead Care II devices
- Routine and ongoing surveillance partnerships
- Evaluation of public health data
- Ongoing education & outreach

## Past Practices
- Door to Door Outreach
- Clinic Testing:
  - “Pop up” and site based clinics
  - Lead Bus
- Testing Practices:
  - Capillary collection with laboratory analysis
  - Venipuncture with laboratory analysis
Local and State Partnerships

- Municipal Partnerships
  - Onondaga County Departments and Services
  - City of Syracuse Departments and Services
  - Community Health and Housing Partners

- Advocacy Coalitions
  - LeadSafe CNY
  - LeadFreeKids NY
  - Governor’s Advisory Council on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

- Emerging Enforcement Partnerships
For More Information

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