

# Has Your Child Been Screened For LEAD?

According to NJ Public Law 1995, Chapter 328, every physician, registered nurse and health care facility are required to screen children age six (6) years old and under that come to them for care.

A child can be exposed to lead in the following ways:

- Swallowing lead dust or soil that is on their hands, toys or other objects that they put into their mouths
- Swallowing lead paint chips
- Breathing lead dust in the air

Children with elevated lead levels may not have symptoms.

This is the reason screening is so important.

Elevated lead levels have been known to cause hyperactivity, attention deficits, and decreased hearing. High levels may cause brain damage leading to coma, even death.

The following are screening guidelines:

- At 1 year and 2 years of age
- Between the age of 3 years and 6 years and has never been previously screened
- Age 6 months and older and has a lead hazard

For uninsured children residing in Bloomfield, the Nursing Division, located in Town Hall, offers free lead screening. If you are not a Bloomfield resident, please contact your health care provider or local health department.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions, please call the

Bloomfield Nursing Division at 973-680-4058.

**\*Parents/Guardians are able to refuse this screening**