

	<b>DHS EarlyHead Start Program Policy</b>		
<b>EnvHS 9</b>			
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Testing for Lead in Water and Paint		
<b>REFERENCE</b>	Environmental Health and Safety		
<b>EFFECTIVE</b>			
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**Policy:**

Early Head Start (EHS) Program, Service Providers must develop and implement a plan to complete testing for lead in water, soil, and in paint by a trained professional at all facilities used for the EHS Program and include, at a minimum, the following:

- Initial testing for lead in water, paint, and soil must be conducted for any facility utilized for the EHS Program by children.
- For any facility, testing must occur within 45 days of the start of usage of the building or provide evidence that testing occurred within the last two (2) years.
  - For water: Testing at least every two (2) years
    - Any faucet or fixtures
    - Any faucet or fixture that has been replaced
  - For soil and paint: Testing at least every two (2) years for any facility
    - that previously tested positive for lead in paint or soil; or
    - that has been through the abatement process for lead in paint or soil; or
    - built prior to 1978;
      - If testing results for lead in paint or soil are negative for any facility built prior to 1978, additional testing is not required.
- Dates of planned testing
- Dates of completed testing
- Lead testing results and a plan to immediately address any site with above normal results within 7 business days of receiving the lead testing results.
- Plan for abatement for any site with above normal results within 30 days
- Support from a trained professional to address elevated lead results
- Communication with staff and families

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