

## LEAD EXPOSURE

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Some families may have received a letter from Wake County Environmental Services in July of 2011 about the presence of lead in certain schools in Wake County upon routine investigation. If you did not receive this letter, you do not have to do anything.

If you did receive this letter, it was likely because your child was under 6 years of age when the possible exposure to lead may have occurred. The letter from Wake County Environmental Services states:

“The primary route of lead poisoning for children that are six and under is through the ingestion of lead contaminated dust which occurs by hand to mouth activity. Lead poisoning can cause learning difficulties, behavioral problems, and other adverse health consequences. The administration has been notified of the lead hazards identified and have implemented measures to minimize student exposure and access to areas where the lead hazards were found. At this time, no children are known to be lead poisoned.”

The Environmental Services department recommends that children who received this letter get their blood lead level checked.

If your child is less than six years old, she/he may get their lead level checked free of charge at the:

Wake County Public Health Center - Clinic B  
10 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh

between 9–11 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. You will need to bring the letter you received from Wake County to show at the reception desk at Clinic B.

If your child is 6 yrs or older, she / he will need to get their lead level checked at our office. This is a visit that will require collection of a Co-pay and will be billed to insurance.

Feel free to call Christy Klaus, REHS, Certified Lead Risk Assessor, with Wake County Environmental Services at (919) 723-6610 or Sheha Atwal, the Wake County School System Environmental Services Program Director at (919) 856-3720 if you have any questions.

If you have any questions for us, feel free to call us here at Oberlin Road Pediatrics.