

Office of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer
4th Floor -300 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3B 3M9

June 1, 2022

Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Interim Reporting of Elevated Blood Lead Levels

Beginning May 1, 2022, blood lead levels 50 µg/L (5 µg/dL) or greater became reportable to Public Health on an interim basis.

Pursuant to subsection 78 (1) of *The Public Health Act*, I am requiring that health care providers report the information in the attached form related to blood lead levels 50 µg/L (5 µg/dL) or greater to assist in the identification of important sources of lead exposure for Manitobans and to inform further actions that may be necessary related to reducing lead exposure. Please complete the attached form which will be faxed to you when an elevated blood lead level is reported to Public Health from Shared Health.

Public Health will interview the patient to obtain more information on source(s) of lead exposure. A summary report will be sent back to you and the patient. Please note that while public health will provide assistance in determining the source of lead exposure, the clinical responsibility for the elevated blood lead level remains with the ordering practitioner.

Please fax the completed form to our secure fax - (204) 948 2040 to the attention of Dr. Susan Roberecki, who is collecting the information on my behalf.

Resources to Help Identify Sources of Lead Exposure:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/lead/index.html>

Resources to assist in patient management and follow-up: please see Appendix A.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Chief Provincial Public Health Officer

Cc:
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