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#### EHS Circular Letter #2012-65

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To: Directors of Health  
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From: Francesca Provenzano, MPH, CHES, RS  
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Re: *Childhood Lead Poisoning in Connecticut, 2011 Surveillance Report*

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It is my pleasure to announce that the annual Childhood Lead Poisoning Surveillance Report is available on the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program web page. The report is based on data received by the CT DPH during calendar year 2011. The report includes statewide and town-specific information on lead screening rates, compliance with lead screening guidelines, the prevalence and incidence of childhood lead poisoning, demographic data, and lead inspection and abatement statistics.

The *Childhood Lead Poisoning in Connecticut 2011 Surveillance Report* can be viewed on the program's website at [www.ct.gov/dph/lead](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lead). Once you are on the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program webpage, scroll down to *Childhood Lead Surveillance Reports*. Select the hyperlink *Screening and Surveillance* to view the CY 2011 report.

This year's annual report contains additional information on childhood lead screening rates, and the evaluation of medical provider compliance with childhood blood lead testing requirements. Effective January 1, 2009, Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §19a-110, and §19a-111g required medical providers to conduct annual blood lead testing for children under the age of three, as well as for children over the age of three who had not been previously tested. Upon implementation of this law, the CT DPH was also tasked under CGS §19a-111i(b) with evaluating the effectiveness of mandated lead testing, and determining whether such blood screening and assessment should be continued.



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The CY 2011 data provide the CT DPH Lead and Healthy Homes Program with the first opportunity to evaluate mandatory lead screening for the three year old birth cohort (i.e., children born in 2009) to determine compliance and implementation of CGS §19a-110 and §19a-111g. As such, *Part 1: Blood Lead Screening* of the annual report has been expanded to include an evaluation of blood lead testing practices among medical providers for several birth cohorts. The data collected and analyzed by the CT DPH Lead and Healthy Homes Program illustrates a marked reduction in childhood lead poisoning rates in conjunction with the successful implementation of mandatory childhood blood lead testing. As such, we strongly recommend the continuation of mandatory childhood blood lead testing and risk assessment by medical providers.

We believe that you will find the report to be both informative and useful. Should you have any questions regarding the Surveillance Report including specific data, please feel free to contact the Lead and Healthy Homes Program at (860) 509-7299.

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