



**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** 

**Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch** 

# LEAD Legislative WORK GROUP

Public Act 22-49

#### Convened by

Dr. Manisha Juthani, Commissioner

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch

# Agenda

#### 9:30 - 9:35 | Welcome / Overview – Meeting Facilitator

- Lori Mathieu, DPH Branch Chief, Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch
- 9:35 10:00 | Continuation with DPH Statutory Walkthrough & Discussion
- Presentation by Lori Mathieu, Lisa Kessler, and Claire Botnick
  - **CGS Section 19a-111:** Investigation. Preventive Measures. Relocation of families.

Reports. Regulations.

- CGS Section 10-206: Health Assessments.
- 10:00 10:20 | Homework Chart 2 Group Discussion
- Facilitated by Lori Mathieu & Dan Aubin
- 10:20 10:40 | Other State Statutory Comparison Presentation & Discussion
- Presentation by Lori Mathieu & Kimberly Ploszaj
- 10:40 10:55 | Public Comment 3 min each person, total time 15 minutes
- Facilitated by Lori Mathieu & Dan Aubin
- 10:55 11:00 | Closing Comments



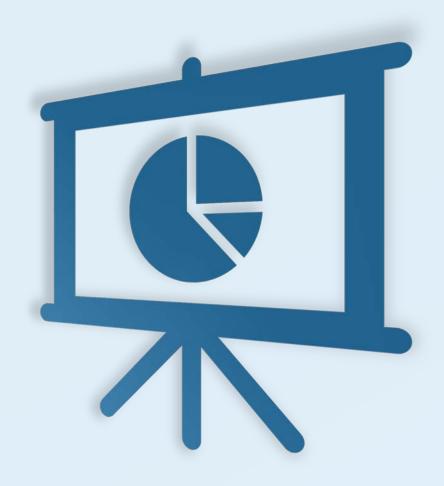
### **Continuation with DPH Statutory Walkthrough & Discussion**

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## **Recap DPH Statutory Walkthrough / Homework Chart**

#### **Recap via Statutory Chart:**

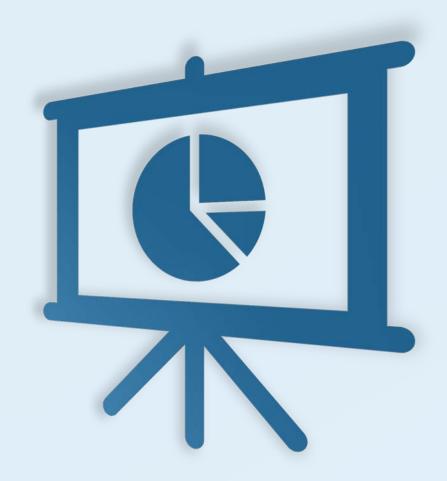
- CGS Section 19a-111g: Pediatric lead testing and risk assessment. Exemption.
- CGS Section 19a-110: Reporting of Lead Poisoning. Parental Notification. Availability of information regarding lead Poisoning



## **Continuation of DPH Statutory Walkthrough**

#### **Recap via Statutory Chart:**

- CGS Section 19a-111: Investigation. Preventive Measures. Relocation of families. Reports. Regulations.
  - Overview & Discussion
- CGS Section 10-206: Health Assessments.
  - Overview & Discussion



# CGS Section 19a-111

**Establishes thresholds for requiring the LHD to conduct an epidemiological investigation for the purposes of identifying the Lead source causing a person's elevated BLL and ordering remediation.** The epidemiological investigation is required following two venous blood lead levels taken at least 3 months apart. The thresholds are:

- Year 2023 -- BLL  $\geq$  15 mcg/dL
- Year 2024 -- BLL  $\geq$  10 mcg/dL
- Year 2025 + -- BLL  $\geq$  5 mcg/dL
- If the case of a residential unit where the source of the lead hazard cannot be removed within a reasonable time, the local health department shall use community resources to enable the relocation of the family occupying the residential unit.
- The local health department is given the discretion to allow the family to remain in the residential unit during the abatement process if, in the judgment of the local health department the occupancy will not threaten the health and well-being of the occupants.
- The statute also establishes a reporting requirement in which the local health department must report to DPH within 30 days following the conclusion of the local health departments epidemiological investigation, the result of the investigation and the action(s) taken to prevent further lead poisoning from the identified source.
- The report is required to identify the location and source of the lead hazard, and such other information as the DPH Commissioner may require.



# CGS Section 19a-111

- The Commissioner is required to maintain comprehensive records of the reports submitted pursuant to this section and section 19a-110 (Health Care Institution and Clinical Lab reports).
- The records are required to be geographically indexed to determine the location of areas of high lead poisoning incidences.
- The Commissioner, in collaboration with professional medical groups, is required to establish lead poisoning prevention guidelines consistent with the CDC, for risk assessment, screening, and treatment of individuals including children, pregnant woman, and women who are planning to become pregnant.
- Nothing in this statute shall be construed to prohibit a local health department to conduct an epidemiological study or local building official to require remediation upon receipt of reports of blood lead levels that are lower than the minimum Blood lead levels specified in this section.

#### Process Flow of CGS Section 19a-111 | The Director of Local Health

(PA 22-29 repealed and replaced effective January 1, 2023)

If a report is received confirming blood lead level:

≥15 micrograms per deciliter of blood (January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023),

≥10 micrograms per deciliter of blood (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024),

and ≥5 micrograms per deciliter of blood (on or after January 1, 2025)



Conduct epidemiological investigation of source of lead

Once source is discovered, order action to be taken by appropriate person responsible for that cause

Title 20- Chapter 400C Lead Abatement Consultants, Contractors, and Workers



If action will not result in removal of lead within a reasonable time, use resources to relocate those occupying the unit

Title 8-Chapter 135 Uniform Relocation Assistance Act



Report to Commissioner of Public Health no later than 30 days after investigation concludes

Note\* There is nothing in this section that prohibits the local health director from conducting an epidemiological investigation if a report contains blood lead levels less than the minimum specified above

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#### Process Flow of CGS Section 19a-111 | Commissioner of Public Health

Must prescribe web-based surveillance system for local health directors to report epidemiological investigations

Maintain geographically indexed, comprehensive records of all reports submitted under 19a-110 and 19a-111

Establish guidelines consistent with <u>CDC</u> for:

(1) risk assessment of lead poisoning

(2) screening for lead poisoning and treatment

(3) follow-up care for children, pregnant women, and women who are planning pregnancy with lead poisoning

# **Discussion of CGS 19a-111**

#### For Example:

- Outdated geographical reporting versus electronic reporting
- **Review of** "The Commissioner, in collaboration with professional medical groups, is required to establish lead poisoning and prevention guidelines consistent with the CDC, for risk assessment, screening, and treatment of individuals including children, pregnant woman, and women who are planning to become pregnant."



# **Other Related Statutes**

CGS Section 10-206(b) | Health Assessments

 Requires various medical tests and assessments prior to school enrollment. Lead testing is not required unless the school board, in consultation with the school medical advisor, determines that lead testing is necessary.



### **Homework Chart 2 - Group Discussion**

Facilitated by Lori Mathieu & Dan Aubin



### **Other State Statutory Comparison Presentation & Discussion**

Presentation by Lori Mathieu & Kimberly Ploszaj

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# **Public Comment**

15 minutes set aside to accept and listen to Public Comment Public can 'raise their hand' on TEAMS to acknowledge your comment. Professional language is required.

Mic's can be disabled; harmful language may result in removal.

3 minutes per person

Written comments are accepted – send to DPH Lead working group email in-box: DPHLeadWorkingGroup@ct.gov



**Next Meeting** 

# Lead Working Group Public Act 22-49

Meeting 8 is <u>Wednesday</u>, November 23<sup>rd.</sup> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

