



Connecticut Department Of Public Health

Lead Working Group - Public Act 22-49 Meeting 2

Convened by Dr. Manisha Juthani, Commissioner

September 7, 2022 | 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM



Connecticut Department of Public Health
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Welcome & Agenda

9:30 - 9:45 | Welcome / Overview – Meeting Facilitator

- Lori Mathieu, DPH Branch Chief, Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch

9:45 – 10:15 | Lead Legislation in Connecticut Presentation

- Presentation by Claire Botnick, COVID Recovery Fellow, Office of the Governor

10:15 – 10:30 | Lead Legislation in Connecticut Work Group Discussion

- Facilitated by Lori Mathieu & Claire Botnick

10:30 – 10:45 | Public Comment – 3 min each person, total time 15 minutes

- Facilitated by Lori Mathieu & Dan Aubin

10:45 – 10:55 | Next Steps – Agenda and Topic Planning Discussion

- Facilitated by Lori Mathieu

10:55 - 11:00 | Closing Comments

- Lori Mathieu

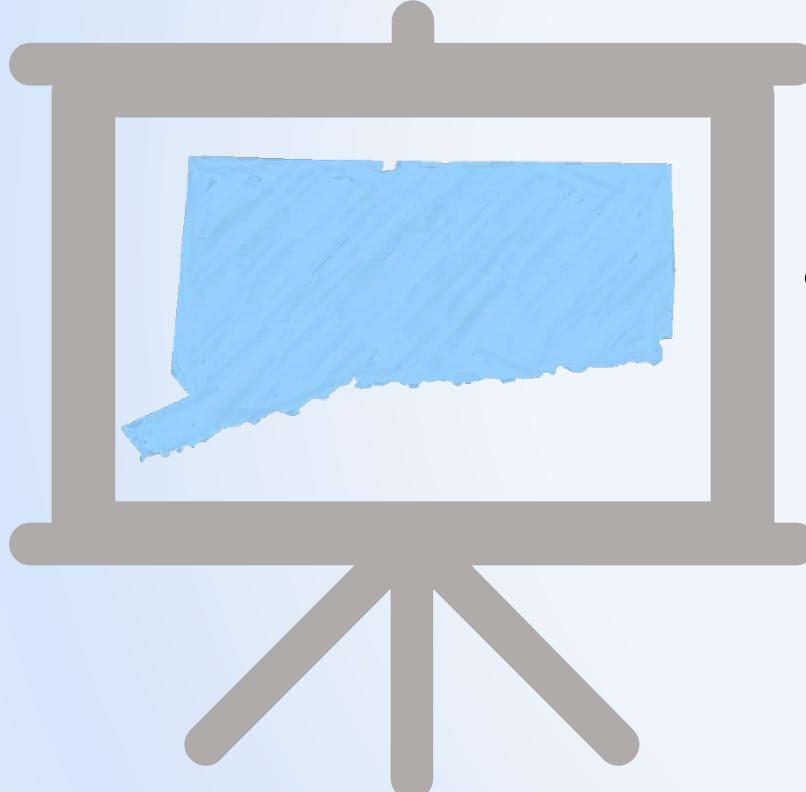


Recap of Previous Meeting

- **Group Introductions**
- **Overview of the Work Group per Public Act 22-49**
- **Dedicated Webpage is Up: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Lead-Poisoning-Prevention-and-Treatment-Working-Group>**
- **Future Meeting Schedule**

Meeting 2	Wednesday, September 7, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Meeting 3	Wednesday, September 21, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Meeting 4	Thursday, October 6, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Meeting 5	Thursday, October 20, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Meeting 6	Wednesday, November 2, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Meeting 7	Wednesday, November 16, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Meeting 8	Wednesday, November 30, 2022	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Lead Legislation in Connecticut



Lead Legislation in Connecticut Presentation

- By Claire Botnick, COVID Recovery Fellow, Office of the Governor

Public Act 22-49 Overview

- Bring law into accordance with CDC recommendations
- Reduce blood lead levels triggering action
- Increase testing frequency for certain children
- Directs DSS to explore Medicaid reimbursement for investigations
- Establish lead working group
- Plus \$30 million ARPA investment

Reducing Blood Lead Action Levels

The Goal:



- Strengthen early intervention in instances of lead poisoning by gradually reducing the blood lead level that triggers parental notifications and home inspections to more closely align with CDC and AAP recommendations—recommendation the City of New Haven has already adopted.

Reducing Blood Lead Action Levels

	Current	2023	2024	2025 and beyond
Parental Notice	10 micrograms/dL	3.5 micrograms/dL	3.5 micrograms/dL	3.5 micrograms/dL
Onsite Inspection	15 micrograms/dL	10 micrograms/dL	5 micrograms/dL	5 micrograms/dL
EPI Investigation	20 micrograms/dL	15 micrograms/dL	10 micrograms/dL	5 micrograms/dL

Testing

- Testing is currently required between 9 months and 35 months.
- Most medical providers will test children at ages 12 months and 24 months in the office by doing a finger stick or heel stick.
- Any child enrolled in Husky/Medicaid between 24 and 72 months with no record of a previous blood lead screening test must be tested.
- Birth cohort analyses of children who turned 3 years old in 2020 shows that 100% of children were tested at least one time by the age of 3 years old (Husky population only).
- Only 59.6% were tested twice before turning 3 years of age as required by state law.
- Public Act 22-49 requires annual testing for children 3 to 6 who live in certain towns where exposure to lead is most common, as determined by DPH.

Medicaid Reimbursement

- DSS currently exploring reimbursement for environmental/home investigations.
- Reimbursement for targeted case management services.



Topics | Lead Working Group P.A. 22-49

Working Group to be convened by Commissioner of Public Health to recommend any necessary legislative changes concerning (section 5):

- lead screening for pregnant persons or persons who are planning pregnancy,
- lead in schools and child-care centers,
- reporting the results of lead tests or lead screening assessments to schools and child-care centers in health assessments for new students,
- reporting additional data from blood lead test laboratories and providers to the Department of Public Health, and
- any other matters regarding lead poisoning prevention and treatment.

Lead Legislation in Connecticut Discussion

Post Presentation Group Discussion



Public Comment



- 15 minutes set aside to accept and listen to Public Comment
 - Public can 'raise their hand' on Go-to-Webinar 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 Steps – Agenda Planning Discussion

Discuss with Work Group

- Upcoming Meeting Agenda's
- Q and A with Work Group

Other business/new business from work group members



Closing Comments

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**Meeting 3 is September 21st, 2022
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

