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

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 web page. The report is based on data received by the CT DPH during calendar year 2012. 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 *CT DPH Annual Disease Surveillance Report on Childhood Lead Poisoning* can be viewed on the program's website at www.ct.gov/dph/lead. Once you navigate to the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program webpage, scroll down to *Childhood Lead Surveillance Reports*. Select the hyperlink *Screening and Surveillance* to view the report on 2012 data.

In 2013, the CT DPH in collaboration with the CT Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Screening Advisory Committee revised Connecticut's blood lead screening requirements and medical follow-up guidelines to align with national recommendations. A child is considered lead poisoned if he or she has a confirmed (venous) blood lead level at or above 5 micrograms per deciliter. As such, this year's annual report contains additional information on incidence and prevalence rates for children with blood lead levels at or above 5 micrograms per deciliter. We hope that this additional data will inform you in your efforts to prevent lead poisoning within your respective communities.

The data collected and analyzed by the CT DPH Lead and Healthy Homes Program continue to illustrate a reduction in childhood lead poisoning rates.



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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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