

### **Blood Lead Testing:**

Sending Specimens to the State Lab

# ≥150 µL is required for testing. Seal the tube well. Put 2 unique identifiers on the specimen tube's label.

For example, Patients First and Last Name AND Date of Birth.

Submissions with information on the tube label that does not <u>EXACTLY</u> match the information on the DHHS 3707 form will be <u>REJECTED</u>.

If the specimen label has John, the form cannot have Johnny, Johnathan, etc.



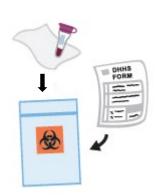
#### Complete the entire DHHS 3707 form for each specimen.

Available at: https://slph.dph.ncdhhs.gov/Forms/3707-Blood-Lead-Analysis.pdf

DO NOT alter the form.

Use the most current version.

Ensure all information is accurate. Inaccurate submissions are subject to rejection. For Medicaid patients, enter Medicaid # (required) and Member ID # (if applicable).



# Place tube with absorbent material in a leak-proof specimen bag. Slide folded DHHS 3707 form in outer sleeve of bag.

One specimen per bag.

### Pack & ship specimens.

Local Health Departments please use current DOA Medical Courier system.

All Other Providers should package specimens as a

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<u>UN3373 Biological Substance, Category B.</u> Providers may order pre-paid postage Blood Lead boxes through the NCSLPH website: <a href="https://slphreporting.dph.ncdhhs.gov/labportal/">https://slphreporting.dph.ncdhhs.gov/labportal/</a>. The pre-paid boxes from NCSLPH can accommodate up to 30 individual specimen bags. Please submit blood lead specimens in a timely manner to avoid specimen rejection due to delays in transport to NCSLPH.



Other

**Providers** 



Courier Bag

Envelopes are not acceptable.

Need supplies or help? Call SLPH Customer Service at

919-733-3937, SLPH Mailroom at 919-733-7656, or visit us at

https://slph.dph.ncdhhs.gov/hemachem/resources.asp

Attach a return address label, including responsible person & phone number. Add cushioning to protect specimen(s) in transit.



## Capillary and venous specimens must be tested within 14 days of date of collection at ambient temperature (15-38°C).

See <u>SCOPE</u> for alternative shipping requirements of frozen/cold specimens.

