

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 EXACTLY match the information on the DHHS 3707 form will be REJECTED.

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

UN3373 Biological Substance, Category B. Providers may order

pre-paid postage Blood Lead boxes through the NCSLPH website:

<https://slphreporting.dph.ncdhhs.gov/labportal/>. 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.

Envelopes are not acceptable.

Attach a return address label, including responsible person & phone number.

Add cushioning to protect specimen(s) in transit.

All Other Providers  LHD



DOA Courier



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

See [SCOPE](#) for alternative shipping requirements of frozen/cold specimens.

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>



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