



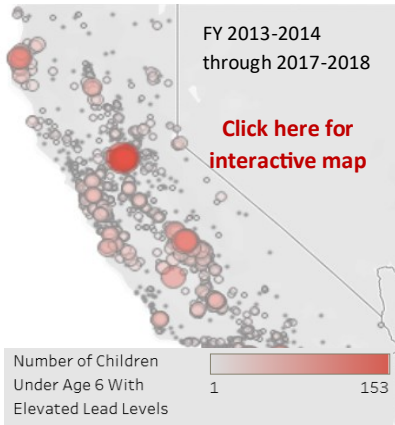
## IMPROVING BLOOD LEAD SCREENING (BLS) PART 1

As a result of COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders and school closures, there is a concern that children spending more time in contaminated environments could have ongoing or increased exposure to lead.

[Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov)

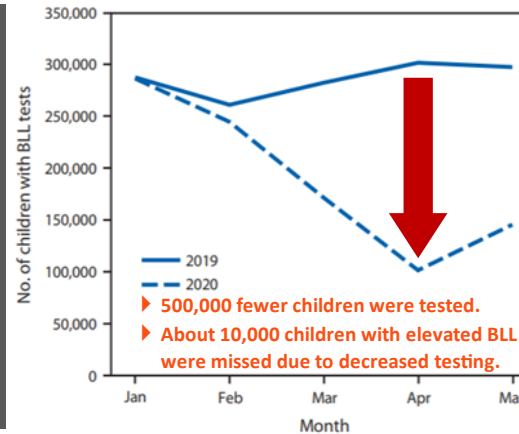
### BLOOD LEAD SCREENING IN CALIFORNIA (CA) AND NATIONALLY

CA CHILDREN WITH ELEVATED LEAD LEVELS BY CENSUS TRACT



44,418

The number of CA children under age 6 with elevated lead levels for Fiscal Years (FY) 2013-2014 through 2017-2018



Number of Children Aged <6 receiving Blood Lead Level (BLL) Tests in the United States by month from 2019 to 2020

### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS ON BLS AND MANAGEMENT



**American Academy of Pediatrics:** Find out how children are [exposed to lead](#) and symptoms of lead exposure. Explore [resources](#), [webinars](#) on various [lead based health issues](#), and identify members at high risk for lead exposure.



**American Academy of Pediatrics:** Explore [recommendations](#) on [testing](#) and [detecting lead poisoning](#).



**California Department of Public Health (CDPH):** Review the [California Standards of Care on Screening for Childhood Lead Poisoning](#) including catch-up requirements for screening, [management guidelines and anticipatory guidance](#).



**Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units:** Use [fact sheet](#) to help providers respond to member concerns about potential exposures to lead in drinking water from various environmental settings.



**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Services:** Find [public health services in specific CA counties](#) that offer lead management prevention home visits, environmental inspections and nutritional assessments for families.



## IMPROVING BLOOD LEAD SCREENING (BLS) PART 2

COVID-19 has adversely affected identification of children with elevated BLLs, exposure elimination, and linkage to services. It remains important that providers ensure that young children receive appropriate lead testing and care management. [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov)

### MEMBER OUTREACH RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS



#### Lead Prevention Resources for Families

- ▶ Use CDPH [flyers](#), [brochures](#) and [checklists](#) to address lead sources in the home and [various resources](#) in protecting children from lead such as [FAQs](#) and [Lead Safe Home Improvement Resources](#) including tips for [home repairs](#).
- ▶ Explore fun [activities](#) for children including [videos](#) (e.g., [Sesame Street Lead Away](#), [Wash Away the Lead](#), etc.) and [coloring books](#) to [teach](#) them about [sources of lead](#) and [how to stay safe](#).



#### Outreach Materials for Lead Poisoning Prevention

- ▶ Customize [letter template](#) (in English and [Spanish](#)) for families, encouraging them to return to the office for well-child visits.
- ▶ Find helpful [social media messages](#) from the CDPH Outreach Toolkit on [lead screening and lead poisoning prevention](#) resources during COVID-19.

### ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN BLS

Purpose	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Immigrant and refugee children live in old housing and may engage in traditional practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Check out a <a href="#">visual guide for clinicians</a> to use and identify traditional sources of lead exposure in various immigrant populations (e.g., Henna; Kohl, tamarind spices, etc.).</li> <li>▶ <a href="#">Onsite point of care screening</a> when seen for other public benefit visits such as WIC.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ COVID-19 increased the time spent by children in homes with lead hazards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ In order to protect San Francisco children, find out how <a href="#">virtual assessment and education</a> were conducted with families using <a href="#">multilingual</a> virtual materials.</li> <li>▶ Focus on <a href="#">reconnecting kids with screening</a> and care needed to detect and mitigate lead poisoning's lifelong consequences.</li> </ul>