

## Blood Lead Testing Now Offered in Select Flint Pharmacies

### What is point-of-care Blood Lead Testing?

Point-of-care blood lead testing is now being offered in select community pharmacies in the Flint area. Point-of-care testing is not new to pharmacy; pharmacies have traditionally offered blood glucose, cholesterol, strep and flu testing to name a few, and are now offering a similar service with Blood Lead Testing. Offering this testing option allows community pharmacies to help patients in the Flint community. Local pharmacies are working together with the community to provide additional opportunities for sustainable testing options for Flint residents. The goals of the pilot program are to provide rapid test results to patients and connect patients to the healthcare system including primary care and medical homes.

### How is the information shared to ensure patients are safe and properly followed-up in order to assess the potential for long-term risks?

As an active member of the patient's medical home, pharmacists will report all results to the Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program (as required by law) and to the patient's primary provider. If patients do not have a primary care provider, patients will be encouraged to find a primary physician through their insurance provider or be directed to the county health department. Community pharmacy employees are trained to provide point-of-care testing and are knowledgeable on the proper procedures and protocols as determined by the Chief Medical Executive for the State of Michigan. These professionals and pharmacies are prepared to be your trusted partners and are excellent resources to help respond to this community healthcare event.

### Where can an individual receive Lead Blood Testing in a pharmacy?

Current Community Pharmacy Testing Sites:

#### **Advanced Care Pharmacy**

420 West Fifth Avenue Flint, 48503

(810) 496-4876

Hours of testing: Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm

#### **Central Pharmacy**

3097 W Genesee Rd., Flint, 48506

810-744-9101

Hours of testing: Monday-Friday 9am-6pm, and Saturday 9am-2pm

#### **\*Kroger Pharmacy**

3838 Richfield Rd.

Flint, 48506

Tuesday, August 2            11am-7pm

#### **\*Kroger Pharmacy**

G-5249 Corunna Rd

Flint, 48504

Saturday, August 6            9am-5pm

Thursday, August 11        11am-7pm

\*Kroger will be announcing more dates and times.

### Have questions?

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