

GUIDELINES OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN THE SCREENING OF YOUNG CHILDREN FOR LEAD POISONING: GUIDANCE FOR STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS (NOVEMBER 1997) AND ANY SUBSEQUENT GUIDELINES; AND

2. BY SEPTEMBER 2003, REQUIRE A PROGRAM OR SCHOOL TO REPORT THE INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE CHILD RESIDES.

(3) Any requirement for the administration of pertussis vaccine shall be consistent with § 18-332(b) of the Health – General Article.

(b) (1) Unless the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene declares an emergency or an epidemic of disease, a child whose parent or guardian objects to immunization on the ground that it conflicts with the parent's or guardian's bona fide religious beliefs and practices may not be required to present a physician's certification of immunization in order to be admitted to school.

(2) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt rules and regulations for religious exemptions under this subsection.

Article – Environment

6-303.

(a) (1) [A] NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A medical laboratory shall report to the Department the results of all blood [lead] tests FOR LEAD POISONING performed on any child 18 years and under.

(2) (1) A MEDICAL LABORATORY SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF TESTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION CONCERNING A CHILD WHO RESIDES IN BALTIMORE CITY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(II) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY REPORT THE INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO THE BALTIMORE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY PROGRAM.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REPORT THE RESULTS OF BLOOD TESTS FOR LEAD POISONING TO AN IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

[(b)](C) The Department shall report the results of blood [lead] tests FOR LEAD POISONING indicating an elevated blood lead level, as defined by regulation, to:

(1) The local health department in the jurisdiction where the child resides; and

(2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

[(c)](D) The Department shall adopt regulations to: