

(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) (I) 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 (I) 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:

(1) Govern the reporting requirements of laboratories to the Department under subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) Provide for the reporting of information by the Department to local health departments and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

6-304.

(a) The Secretary shall assist local governments, if necessary, to provide case management of children with elevated blood lead levels greater than or equal to 15 micrograms per deciliter (ug/dl).