

August 17, 2007

To: Local Health Departments
From: MDCH Bureau of Laboratories
Re: Laboratory Testing Information Relating to Toy Recall due to Possible Lead Contamination

There have been two voluntary toy recalls announced this month by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission due to violation of the Lead Safety Standard*.

Although there have been no documented cases of children being lead-poisoned by these toys, we have received calls from concerned parents and others inquiring about testing children's toys and other products for lead content.

The Michigan Department of Community Health Bureau of Laboratories does not perform lead testing on toys, jewelry, or other consumer products. This testing is available primarily through commercial, for-profit laboratories who charge accordingly. We have contacted several of these laboratories (see table, below), all of whom are accredited by the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP).

Each laboratory has indicated they would be able to perform a lead analysis on toys and/or jewelry and each is willing to have concerned citizens referred to them. Please note, this list is for your information only; it is not for widespread distribution. It is not an exhaustive list, and should not be construed as an endorsement or recommendation by the State of Michigan, the Department of Community Health, or the Bureau of Laboratories.

Laboratory Name	Location	Phone	Contact Person/Comments
Accurate Analytical Testing, LLC	Belleville, MI	734-699-5227	
Corrosion Control Consultants & Labs, Inc.	Kentwood MI	616-940-3112 Extension 129	Megan
Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion	Detroit, MI	313-876-4223	Dr. Aloysius Hanson Willing to accept samples, but backlogged at present time.
CPS (affiliated with Bureau Veritas)	100 Northpointe Parkway Buffalo, NY 14228	716-505-3642	Lisa Clerici

Requests for blood lead testing on pregnant women, infants, children and should continue to be referred to the family physician or pediatrician.

*On August 2, 2007 Fisher-Price announced a recall of "Sesame Street" and "Dora the Explorer" toys, followed by an announcement from the Mattel corporation recalling "Sarge" die-cast toy cars.

See <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ChildhoodLead/> for links to the recall notices.

More information on the MDCH Lead Hazard Remediation and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention programs can be found at these websites:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955_2983---,00.html

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_4913---,00.html