

Proclamation



LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 24 - 30, 2021

WHEREAS, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week brings together community stakeholders to raise awareness of lead poisoning, what parents can do to protect children from lead exposure, and available resources to identify lead sources, remove lead-based paint hazards, and replace lead service pipes; and

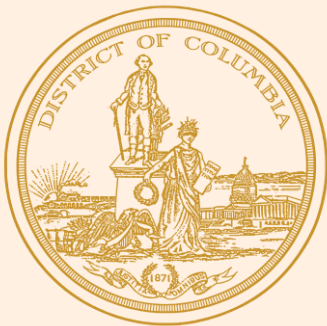
WHEREAS, because there has not ever been a safe blood lead level identified in children, a blood test is the only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead; and

WHEREAS, all children who live in Washington, DC are required to be screened for lead at least twice: at ages 6 to 14 months and 22 to 26 months; and

WHEREAS, activities that disturb lead-based paint in District homes built before 1978 may require the use of lead-safe work practices and a permit from the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE); and

WHEREAS, during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, DOEE will sponsor activities to enhance awareness about the dangers of lead poisoning and about programs available to reduce lead exposures in homes, schools, and children development facilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do proudly hereby proclaim October 24–30, 2021, as “**Lead Poisoning Prevention Week**” in Washington, DC.



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