

LEAD MITIGATION

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Lead Mitigation – Current approach

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- Focus on the past has been on lead-based paint
 - Existing rules
 - Outreach and education
- Lead-based paint remains the highest risk according to the Oregon Health Authority
- Recent increase in awareness of lead exposure through contaminated drinking water

Current Regulations

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- Lead-based paint
- Currently address safety regulations for safe drinking water, not specific to lead

Workgroup to address lead in water

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- Council created in September 2016
- Members
 - Public health experts
 - Child care provider representatives
 - Head Start
 - Child care resource and referral (CCR&R)
 - Early learning stakeholders
- Submitted recommendations to the Council in September 2017

Recommendations adopted in September

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- Tighten regulations
 - Require all licensed child care facilities to follow the public health practices
- Additional training requirements for providers
 - Additional hours of training on lead safety
- Statewide outreach campaign coordinated with health partners
 - Developing a resource sheet that:
 - Raises awareness around public health recommended steps to mitigate lead in water
 - Provides more information about risk through lead paint
 - Resources for lead testing, including if it is available for free or at reduced cost for providers
 - Lists Training Requirements
 - Educates providers about harm of lead exposure to children
 - Is available in multiple languages leveraging the Public Health system, community supports and licensing specialists to get this information into the hands of parents and providers

Timeline and next steps

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- Outreach efforts and work plan to establish timeline and training for materials
- Partnership with City of Portland to offer free lead testing
- Convene implementation team
 - process and timeline for reporting results to parents and the public
 - Use results to assess scope of problem in advance of 2019 Legislative session

Council Action

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- Council to add lead testing requirement to rules and direct the Early Learning Division to post results and estimate the costs needed for remediation once the extent of the problem is understood.