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Lead Test Reporting Requirements Regarding Galveston County Residents

To: ALL Health Care Providers, Hospitals, Laboratories, and Schools

Several Texas laws (Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87) require reports of notifiable conditions (to include specific information for each type of report) to be timely reported to the Local Health Authority. **Health care providers, hospitals, laboratories, schools, and others** are required to report patients who are suspected of having a notifiable condition (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code). In regards to lead, you are specifically required to report all lead tests performed by your facility on Galveston County residents as follows:

**Galveston County Health Authority
c/o Chief Epidemiologist
P.O. Box 939
La Marque, Texas 77568
Fax: (409) 938-2399
Phone: (409) 938-2322**

Reports of lead test must include the type of test (e.g., venous or capillary) as well as the healthcare providers name and contact information. For technical assistance on additional local reporting requirements, please contact Dr. Dana Beckham, Chief Epidemiologist, at (409) 938-2322.

The City of Galveston in Galveston County has an elevated risk of childhood lead poisoning and is in the process of developing a comprehensive and coordinated childhood lead prevention system. Critical to developing such a model local program is the need to have an accurate picture of the extent of the testing and morbidity attributed to our jurisdiction.

For the purposes (1) of having accurate epidemiological data about lead tests and poisoning in our jurisdiction and (2) in order to effectively plan and execute an effective public health intervention, I am requesting your prompt assistance in immediately reporting all lead test (performed by your lab on residents of Galveston County) as instructed above. In turn, the Galveston County Health District will fulfill the statutory responsibility of reporting the results we receive to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Dana Beckham at (409) 938-2322.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harlan Guidry".

Harlan "Mark" Guidry, MD, MPH
Local Health Authority
Galveston County, Texas