

News Release

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Kane County Health Department to Host Free Webinar on Lead Poisoning Prevention

The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) will host a free public webinar, “What Families Need to Know About Lead Poisoning,” on February 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The webinar is designed to help families and caregivers understand the risks of lead exposure and learn practical steps to protect young children and expectant parents.

In 2025, there were 121 confirmed cases of lead poisoning in children in Kane County. Lead is a toxic metal that can be hard to see but is extremely harmful. There is no safe level of lead exposure, and even small amounts can cause long-term harm. Exposure to lead can cause lasting problems with a child’s growth, learning, and behavior. During pregnancy, lead exposure can also pass to the baby and affect development before birth.

This webinar is intended for parents and caregivers of infants and young children, expectant parents, childcare providers, early childhood educators, home visitors, and anyone who works with or cares for young children in Kane County. Spanish interpretation will be available.

During the webinar, participants will learn:

- How children are commonly exposed to lead
- The health effects of lead poisoning
- Simple ways to reduce lead risk at home and in the community
- When and how children should be tested for lead
- Local resources available for prevention and support

“Lead poisoning is preventable,” said Michael Isaacson, KCHD Executive Director. “This webinar will provide families and

professionals with clear, practical information they can use to reduce risk and protect children's health."

The webinar is free, but advance registration is required. To register, visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/iqwcuGbKS7-Gmgc69uwmmA#/registration>

For more information about lead poisoning prevention or other public health programs,

visit: <https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Programs.aspx>