



# Southeastern Idaho Public Health

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## **Lead Testing available at Southeastern Idaho Public Health**

During March, 2019 Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) will be offering lead testing to children 6 years old or younger at their Oneida County office located at 175 S 300 E. Lead is most harmful to children 6 years old or younger. Contaminated dust is the major source of lead for most children. Health effects of lead in children can include behavioral and learning problems, delayed growth, hearing problems, headaches, damage to the brain and central nervous system.

Blood lead tests are important for babies and toddlers. Children older than 1 year should have their blood tested every year if you live in a home built before 1978, the paint is in poor condition, or you've been remodeling. A simple blood test is the only way to know if a child has lead poisoning! For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Southeastern Idaho Public Health at 208-766-4764 or visit [www.siphidaho.org](http://www.siphidaho.org).