



## LEAD-BASED PAINT SECTION INSTRUCTIONS – FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES

The goal of the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program is to identify and eliminate exposures to environmental hazards where North Carolina children learn and play. The Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program is a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) and RTI International in a joint effort to identify and restrict or mitigate exposure to lead and asbestos hazards across public schools and licensed child care facilities in the state.

Facilities must enroll in the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program to fulfill North Carolina requirements ([10A NCAC 41C .1000](#)). The program is providing free facility-wide inspections without any out-of-pocket cost that meets all rule requirements from program launch to November 30, 2026.

The Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program includes three sections:

1. lead in drinking and cooking water,
2. lead-based paint, and
3. asbestos.

**The following information will provide an overview on the importance of eliminating exposure to lead-based paint, North Carolina lead-based paint requirements, and instructions to complete the lead-based paint section of the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program.**

## Contents

Overview of Lead Hazards.....	3
Overview of North Carolina Requirements .....	4
Overview of Lead-Based Paint Section Steps for Child Care Facilities .....	5
1. Designate Primary Contact .....	6
2. Attend Pre-enrollment Webinar .....	6
3. Create an Account and Link to Your Facility .....	7
4. Complete Section Training .....	8
5. Enroll Your Facility .....	9
6. Document Review .....	15
7. On-Site Visits.....	16
8. Viewing Results and Recommendations .....	17
Communicate .....	19
Facility Data Mapper.....	19
Mitigation/Abatement .....	20
Reimbursement.....	20
Contact Information .....	21

## Overview of Lead Hazards

There is no safe level of lead exposure. Lead-based paint is the most common source of childhood lead exposure in the United States. Lead was commonly used in paint until it was banned for residential use in 1978. Buildings built before 1978 are much more likely to have lead-based paint, which can pose a hazard when it deteriorates into paint chips or accumulates in dust or soil. Lead dust can be created by any surface covered with lead-based paint being worn by friction or rubbing (cabinets, doors, stairways, etc.). Chipping lead-based paint on the exterior can also contaminate soil with lead.

Children can be exposed to lead by ingesting lead paint chips, by touching surfaces coated with lead dust or lead-based paint chips and then bringing their hands to their mouths, or by playing in lead-contaminated soil. You cannot see most lead hazards, so it is important to have professionals inspect the areas where children learn and play. Early childhood lead exposure can cause lifelong behavioral and cognitive deficits. Even low levels of lead exposure can affect speech and language, hearing, attention, and social behavior, and the damage is often permanent.

## Overview of North Carolina Requirements

This is a legislatively mandated effort to address lead and asbestos hazards in North Carolina public schools, licensed child care centers, and licensed family child care homes. Participation will allow facilities to meet all rule requirements for identified lead and asbestos hazards, as required by law.

In 2019, North Carolina enacted [15A NCAC 18A .2816](#), requiring all licensed child care centers to test for lead in water at every tap used for drinking or cooking. In 2023, North Carolina enacted rules [NC 10A NCAC 41C.1001-1007](#) requiring all public schools and licensed child care facilities to:

- Test for lead in water used for drinking and cooking;
- Inspect for lead-based paint hazards; and
- Inspect for asbestos hazards.

The 2023 rule advances the foundation set by the 2019 rule by expanding the facility types, hazard types, and requirements for mitigating hazards. The rules specific to potential lead-based paint hazards in child care facilities are the following:

**NC 10A NCAC 41C.1001** defines terms used throughout the North Carolina requirement including Department, licensed child care facility, public school, program, and responsible individual.

- For child care facilities, “responsible individual” means the operator or operator’s designee(s).

**NC 10A NCAC 41C.1002** states which facilities are eligible to participate in the funding mechanisms. The cost to inspect for lead-based paint will be fully covered, while the cost for any abatement activities will be fully reimbursable.

- Responsible individuals of the facility should keep accurate records of testing, inspection, abatement, and remediation. These records are required by the Department.

**NC 10A NCAC 41C.1004** states that facilities are required to have an assessment conducted for lead-based paint unless they meet the criteria to be exempt, and if needed, facilities are required to have appropriate abatement activities performed or restrict access to the hazards.

**NC 10A NCAC 41C.1006** defines “certified risk assessor” for the purposes of conducting assessments and determinations about the existence of lead-based paint hazards in public schools and licensed child care facilities.

**NC 10A NCAC 41C.1007** provides incorporated references.

## Overview of Lead-Based Paint Section Steps for Child Care Facilities

Our program will help to provide information on identifying and eliminating exposure to lead and walk your facility through completing an enrollment survey, uploading proper documentation, and coordinating with a certified lead-based paint risk assessor, if needed. Our program will also help to overview results and possible recommended actions.



To begin the lead-based paint section of program, your facility will complete the following steps:

### Pre-Enrollment

1. [Designate Primary Contact](#)
2. [Attend Pre-enrollment Webinar](#)
3. [Create an Account and Link to Your Facility](#)

### Enrollment Survey

4. [Complete Section Training](#)
5. [Enroll Your Facility](#)

### Document Review and Response Actions

6. [Document Review and Next Steps](#)
7. [Final Review and Recommendations](#)



## 1. Designate Primary Contact

Each facility will designate a primary contact for the lead-based paint section. The primary contact will be responsible for completing the enrollment survey and be the main point of contact for the lead-based paint section. Additional individuals can help to complete the enrollment survey, if needed.

- The primary contact should be familiar with any prior lead-based paint assessments that have been conducted at your facility.
- The primary contact should be familiar with the layout of the building(s); and
- The primary contact should be able to oversee the efforts to restrict access to or mitigate any identified hazards, if identified in your facility.



## 2. Attend Pre-enrollment Webinar

To access the online portal for enrollment, facility staff must first attend a pre-enrollment training webinar that will cover lead and asbestos background, program overview, participation, and preparing for enrollment. Our team will also be available for online questions and answers.

The webinars will be hosted on Zoom. You can go [HERE](#) to view available dates/times and register.

When you register for the webinar, you will receive a confirmation email. That email will include the link to join the webinar. We encourage you to join through an Internet browser or Zoom app to have access to both audio and video.



If you have any trouble, there is also the option to call into the webinar. Details for joining by calling into the webinar will also be available in the confirmation and reminder emails; you will need the webinar ID and passcode.

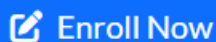
After attending the webinar, you will receive the enrollment PIN to enroll through the online portal.

You can expect a follow-up email reiterating information on how to access the online portal within 24 hours. If you have questions following the webinar, then you can contact us via call or text at 1-855-997-2864 or message at [bit.ly/3CK-contact](https://bit.ly/3CK-contact).



### 3. Create an Account and Link to Your Facility

Navigate to the main page [HERE](#) and click “Enroll Now” to get started.

 Enroll Now

#### Create an Account

1. Select the enrollment type (Child Care Facility).
2. Enter the enrollment PIN from the pre-enrollment training webinar.
3. Start typing the name of your child care facility and select from the drop-down list.



If you don't see your child care facility in this list, please contact us.

4. Enter your contact information to finish creating your account.  
**You will need access to the online portal throughout the program, so be sure to make note of the email address and password for your account.**

#### Enrollment Dashboard and Program Details

The enrollment dashboard of the portal will show the facility name and address at the top and include details of your Facility Team and Program Details.

#### Menu

- **View Facility Data Mapper:** View public results from the lead in water, asbestos, and lead-based paint sections of the program.
- **Enroll A New Facility:** Start the enrollment process for another facility.
- **View My Other Facilities:** Navigate to another facility dashboard.
- **Contact Us:** View ways to contact our team via call, text, or email.

#### Sample Kits

View the status of any sampling kit(s). Tracking information is updated nightly. *Note: This is only applicable to lead in water sampling kit(s).*

#### Facility Team

List of users registered to the facility within the system.

Prior to starting the survey, we recommend you gather required documents and information to fill out the lead-based paint enrollment survey. You will be asked to provide the following:

- ✓ Building information
- ✓ Student demographics
- ✓ Previous lead-based paint assessment report, if applicable
- ✓ Concerns about lead-based paint exposure
- ✓ Past and planned building renovations
- ✓ Property tax record

## Program Details

Review your facility's progress throughout each section of the program. You will see **Program Details** with each of the three sections listed: lead in water, lead-based paint, and asbestos.



A green checkmark indicates the step is complete.

For lead-based paint, there are six steps to follow your progress:

1. Training
2. Enrollment Survey
3. Survey Review by RTI
4. On-Site Visit
5. Facility Results & Recommendations
6. Facility Mitigation

Given the availability of certified lead-based paint risk assessors and number of facilities, there may be delays in waiting for the Survey Review by RTI and the On-Site Visit.

If any actions are required of your facility or if there are any updates to your facility's progress, the facility team will receive an email notification. Notifications may include any of the following:

- Enrollment Survey: Started
- Enrollment Survey: Successfully Submitted
- Enrollment Survey: Changes Requested
- Professional Assigned for On-Site Visit
- Results and Recommendations Ready
- Completed Section Requirements



## 4. Complete Section Training

On your facility's dashboard, under **Program Details – Lead-Based Paint Section Status**, the first step is to complete training. Click the blue "Begin Training" button on the right to get started.



The training video is required to access the enrollment survey.

*Note: This is a separate training from the pre-enrollment webinar described previously; each section of the program has a training video that will provide more specific information.*



The training video shows you how to participate in the program and meet state requirements to identify and address potential lead-based paint hazards at your facility. The training will also briefly cover background on lead-based paint and overview section steps, how to complete the lead-based paint enrollment survey, and what happens after completing the enrollment survey, including RTI's review of your facility's documentation, potential next steps such as a lead-based paint risk assessment, and possible recommended actions based on each specific facility's conditions.



## 5. Enroll Your Facility

After finishing the section training, you will have access to the lead-based paint enrollment survey.

The enrollment survey includes seven different sections:

1. Welcome
2. Building Information
3. Student Demographics
4. Lead-Based Paint Questions
5. Renovations
6. Document Upload
7. Finalize

**All questions are required before you can submit your survey for review. If any information is missing, you will be directed to fix the issue(s) prior to submitting.**

If the asbestos enrollment survey has already been completed, the responses will auto-populate for the first three sections of the survey: welcome, building information, and student demographics.

The primary contact is responsible for reviewing all auto-populated information. It is important that the information is carefully reviewed for accuracy because the responses will affect other questions in the enrollment survey, and, ultimately, next steps for your facility.

You can sign out and come back to complete the survey at any time. However, you will need to save your progress on each page.



To view a list of all questions included in the enrollment survey, you can go [HERE](#).

To view an example of the enrollment survey, you can go [HERE](#).

### **Welcome**

In this section, you can add any staff who should receive email notification updates about your facility's progress through the lead-based paint section of the program.

**You may add staff who have not logged into the portal, but if these staff would like to view or edit your facility's enrollment survey, they must first attend the pre-enrollment training webinar and create an account to login.**

In this section, you will also designate the primary contact for the lead-based paint section of the program as discussed in the first step – **Designate Primary Contact**.

### **Building Information**

In this section, information about your facility and details about your building(s) will be collected. Required building information includes the child care facility and permit type, approximate size, facility ownership, age of building(s), and schedule of operations.

For the building age, you will need to list out individual buildings and the year built. It is important that you provide accurate information for the age of each building at your facility because the North Carolina rule allows for building age exemptions if **all** buildings were built after 1978. *More information on building age exemptions is addressed in **Document Review**.*

If you do **not** know the year built for any of the individual buildings, you will be asked to select a range:

- Before 1979
- Between 1979 – 1988
- Between 1999 – 1990
- Between 1990 – 2014
- After 2014



Note that if you do **not** know the year built and select a range, then your facility will **not** qualify for the building age exemption questions in the survey.

### **Student Demographics**

In this section, information will be collected on student demographics and socioeconomics:

- Number of children enrolled during the latest year;
- Age group of enrolled children;
- Percent of children eligible for free or reduced lunch;
- Percent of children eligible for subsidies, discounts, or scholarships; and
- Percent of students that identify as white, black, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, or two or more races/ethnicities.

**Lead-Based Paint Questions**

In this section, information will be collected about lead-based paint in your facility and previous lead-based paint risk assessments.

As noted in the **Building Information** section, the age of each building at your facility may qualify your facility to be exempt from the lead risk assessment requirements.

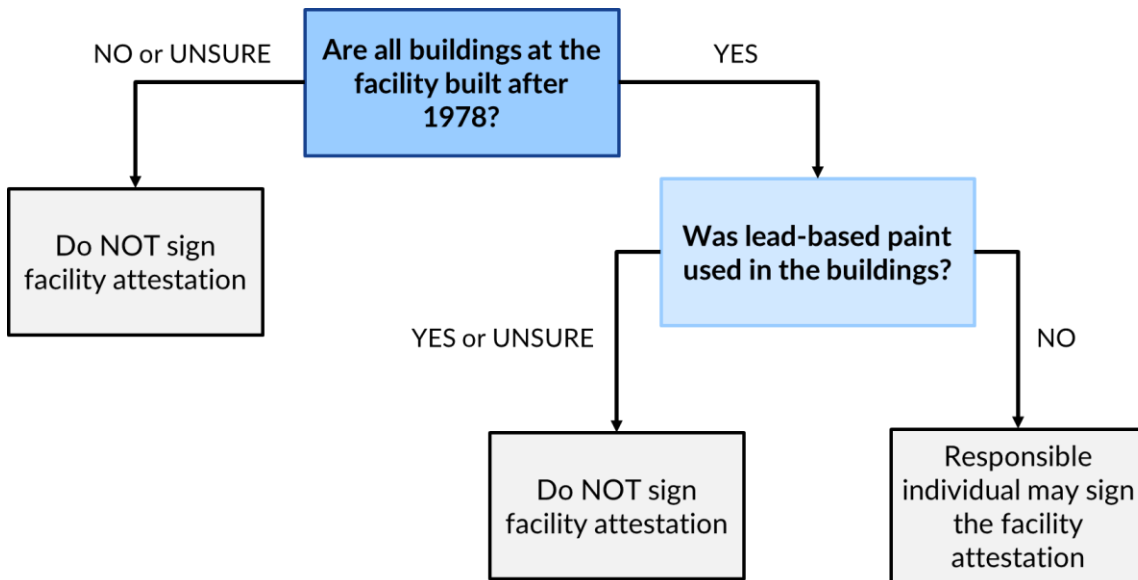
**All buildings at the facility were built after 1978.**

**Building Age Exemption:** Facilities that indicate all their buildings were built after 1978 will have the option to have a responsible individual sign a statement attesting that no lead-based paint was used in the facility. If the attestation is signed, you will be skipped to the Error!

Reference source not found. section of the survey to upload the signed attestation. You will not be required to complete the remaining survey questions.

Attestations should only be signed if the child care facility operator or operator’s designee is certain that all buildings were built after 1978 and no lead-based paint was used in any of the buildings.

The following diagram shows how building age exemption works for a new facility.



If **all** buildings at the facility were built after 1978 AND the attestation that no lead-based paint was used in the facility was signed by a **responsible individual**, then the facility will be exempt from the lead risk assessment requirements.

**Responsible individual** means the operator of a licensed child care facility or the operator’s designee(s).

### **Some buildings at the facility were built after 1978.**

**Partial Building Age Exemption:** If you entered that some buildings at your facility were built after 1978, those specific buildings may qualify for the building age exemption. If you indicate the responsible individual can sign the attestation that states no lead-based paint was used in those specific buildings, you will be asked to upload the signed attestation at the end of the survey in the Error! Reference source not found. section. **You will still be required to complete the remainder of the survey questions for any pre-1978 buildings.**

Facilities where not all buildings were built after 1978 or where the attestation was not signed and uploaded will need to complete the remaining survey questions.

### **Previous Assessment Details**

If your facility has already been assessed by a certified lead professional to determine whether lead-based paint hazards are present in your buildings, you will be directed to add an assessment record from the most recent assessment at your facility including the following: 1) most recent assessment date, 2) whether the whole or partial facility was assessed, 3) the name of the certified lead professional, and 4) and the company that performed the assessment.

- Do not include assessments conducted by uncertified personnel using lead test kits.
- You will be asked to upload or mail your assessment report.

### **Mitigation/Abatement Details**

If your facility has already been assessed by a certified lead professional, you will be asked about any mitigation or abatement activities that were performed to address lead-based paint hazards during the past 3 years. We also ask whether your facility already has plans to mitigate or abate any lead-based paint hazards within the next three years.

- You will be asked to upload or mail the mitigation or abatement records.

### **Lead-Based Paint Concerns**

Indicate any concerns about lead-based paint exposure, such as chipped or peeling paint.

- If you do have any concerns, please be sure to describe them. For example: peeling paint in a classroom or chipping paint into soil on the playground.

### **Preferred Company**

Indicate if there is a specific certified lead professional your facility would like to review your provided documentation and perform an on-site visit, if needed.

- You will have the option to select your preferred company and whether you would like to be assigned to different company if your preferred company is unavailable.



We cannot guarantee that your preferred company will be assigned to your facility given the volume of work in this program, but we will prioritize previously established working relationships between facilities and companies.

### **Renovations**

In this section, information will be collected on past and planned building renovations.

Facilities that have gone through major renovations since their most recent assessment may require additional sampling during an on-site visit if one is needed. If you indicate your facility has an upcoming renovation, your facility may be prioritized to receive an on-site visit, as needed.

### **Document Upload**

In this section, you will be instructed to upload any documents that were indicated as available for electronic upload throughout the survey.



.pdf document type is recommended.

Remember to confirm that the document is legible and right side up.

If electronic documents are not available, then you will be asked to mail copies of the physical documents to RTI using the following address:

Attn: Laurie Stella  
RTI International  
Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids  
3040 E. Cornwallis Road  
Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

**Warning – Documents will not be returned. Please keep the original documents and only send copies to RTI.**

**It is strongly recommended that electronic documents are uploaded because mailing will slow down the process for your facility.**

The following provides a summary of possible documentation that may be required by your facility:

- **Lead-Based Paint-Free Attestation for New Facilities:** This attestation should be signed by a responsible individual (i.e., operator or operator's designee) attesting that the facility was built after 1978 and that no lead-based paint was used in the building(s).
  - Applies to facilities that qualify for full building age exemption.
  - A downloadable attestation will be available as a fillable PDF and Word document.
- **Lead-Based Paint-Free Attestation for New Buildings:** This attestation should be signed by responsible individual (i.e., operator or operator's designee) attesting that specific building(s) were built after 1978 and that no lead-based paint was used in those building(s).
  - Applies to facilities that qualify for partial building age exemption.
  - A downloadable attestation will be available as a fillable PDF and Word document.

**Disclaimer:** RTI provides links to [NC statutes](#) pertaining to lead-based paint to help your understanding of the lead-based paint assessment requirements specified by the statutes. However, RTI cannot provide legal advice and does not warrant that the statutes cited are the only ones that may apply to your facility. You are responsible for providing accurate information to RTI and for understanding and complying with all relevant statutes and, if necessary, obtaining appropriate legal advice.

- **Lead-Based Paint Inspection or Risk Assessment Report:** Most recent lead-based paint inspection or risk assessment report.
- **Mitigation/Abatement Records:** Record of any mitigation/abatement of identified lead-based paint hazards conducted in the past three years.
- **Property Tax Record:** This record should clearly display the year your facility was built. If you need help finding this record, instructions will be provided, including a link to your county's tax record map.

### **Finalize**

At this section, you are ready to submit your enrollment survey! You will be notified if any information is missing, and you can easily jump back to that section to fix the error.

You will need to certify that all documents are authentic, completed, and uploaded in full before clicking the “Submit Enrollment Survey” button.

ALL documents **must** be electronically uploaded to the online portal or mailed to RTI (using the address listed) to meet the State requirements.

Documentation should **not** be sent directly to the State.



## **6. Document Review**

Documents will be reviewed to determine whether the information is acceptable. If incorrect documents are provided or information is missing, then you will receive an email notification to amend information (i.e., uploading a different document).

After our team reviews your enrollment survey, the next steps may be a facility exemption or an on-site visit, which could include a lead risk assessment or site verification.

### **Exemption**

An exemption from the rule requirements means your facility does not need an on-site visit for a lead risk assessment or site verification. There are two types of exemption:

1. **Full Building Age Exemption:** Facilities where all buildings were built after 1978 may be exempt if they provide the signed attestation that states lead-based paint was not used in any buildings.
  - If the facility provides a signed attestation for only some of their buildings, they may still need an on-site visit for the other pre-1978 buildings.
2. **Prior Assessment Exemption:** Facilities may also be exempt if they provide documentation of a lead risk assessment conducted within the past three years. This lead risk assessment must meet all rule requirements and either have identified no lead-based paint hazards or any lead-based paint hazards identified must have been addressed.
  - Documentation associated with these exemptions must be provided to the Clean Classroom for Carolina Kids program to meet the rule requirements for exemption.

If your facility is exempt, then the lead-based paint section is complete. No additional action is needed by the facility.

### ***On-Site Visit: Lead Risk Assessment***

A lead risk assessment will be needed if your facility:

1. Has not been assessed for lead-based paint hazards,
2. Was built after 1978 but cannot provide the signed attestation that states no lead-based paint was used in the buildings, or
3. Was previously assessed for lead-based paint but the assessment was not within the past three years, does not meet the rule requirements, or no assessment documentation was provided to our program.

Our team will assign a certified lead risk assessor to perform your facility's risk assessment.

### ***On-Site Visit: Site Verification***

A site verification means a certified lead risk assessor will need to visit the facility to verify the condition of specific lead-based paint hazards. Site verifications may be required if your facility had a lead-risk assessment that meets all rule requirements within the past 3 years but there is no documentation that the lead-based paint hazards that were identified have been addressed.

Our team will assign a certified lead risk assessor to perform your facility's site verification.



## **7. On-Site Visits**

Your facility will be notified if an on-site visit (lead risk assessment or site verification) is required.

Note: The following information does **not** apply if your facility qualifies for exemption. No additional action is need by your facility.

### ***How Your Facility Can Prepare***

The primary contact has a key role when it comes to preparing for the on-site visit. The primary contact should:

1. Be available to schedule the date and time of the on-visit once contacted by the assigned certified lead risk assessor;
2. Meet the certified risk assessor when they arrive, so the assessor has access to the facility; and
3. Have floor plans available during the on-site visit.

Overall, the process can take as little as a couple of hours to multiple days. The process is highly variable based on the size of the facility and information collected during the lead-based paint-related questions of the enrollment survey. The timeline for assessment cannot be estimated by the program; this will be dependent upon your facility and the certified lead risk assessor assigned to your facility.





On-site visits can be scheduled during facility hours, during breaks, or on weekend. Facilities can remain **open** during the on-site visit, but local areas may need to be closed at the discretion of the certified risk assessor.

### ***What Happens During a Lead Risk Assessment***

The certified lead risk assessor will perform the on-site visit according to the scheduled date and time agreed upon with the primary contact. The certified risk assessor may begin by having you complete a survey to collect information on potential lead-based paint hazards. Then, they will perform a visual inspection to locate any deteriorated paint, assess the extent and causes of the deterioration, and identify any other potential lead-based paint hazards.

The certified risk assessor will also perform an assessment of the exterior and interior surfaces of the buildings and any outside areas using a portable XRF instrument, which is a real-time analyzer that can identify the amount of lead present in seconds.



If needed, the certified risk assessor may collect samples of paint chips, dust, and/or soil to be analyzed by the RTI-Environmental Lead laboratory.

Once the laboratory analysis is complete, the certified lead risk assessor will write a results report and provide recommended response actions.



## **8. Viewing Results and Recommendations**

### ***Viewing Results***

Your facility will be notified when results and recommended actions are ready to review in the portal. You will be able to easily view any lead-based paint hazards identified at your facility, as well as the full report and sample results.



Additional videos and resources will be available to help you understand your results report on the [Resources and Training](#) page [HERE](#).

### **No Identified Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

If no lead-based paint hazards are identified by the certified lead risk assessor during the on-site visit, no additional action is required by the facility.

As defined by the rule, a **lead-based paint hazard** is any lead-based paint, lead dust, or lead in soil that is above the state action levels and is likely to result in exposure to lead. Properly managed lead-based paint in good condition is not considered a hazard under this program.

### **Identified Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

If lead-based paint hazards are identified, your results will indicate whether the hazard was identified in paint chips, dust, or soil and where the hazard is located. The following information may be included to summarize the identified hazards:

- Building
- Room or Room Equivalent
- Sample ID
- Building Component
- Sample Location
- Type of Hazard
- Condition of Material
- Sample Type
- Lead Level
- Total Square Footage of Hazard
- Response Action

### ***Recommendations***

For each identified hazard, the certified lead risk assessor will recommend a different response action depending on the condition and type of hazard, such as a paint, dust, or soil hazard.

Recommended response actions may include any of the following:

- Restrict Access
- Enclosure
- Encapsulation
- Component Removal
- Chemical Stripping
- Specialized Cleaning
- Interim Control
- Operations and Maintenance
- Soil Abatement

The facility is required to restrict access to the hazard until it is mitigated/abated. If the facility chooses not to mitigate, they must restrict access to the hazard indefinitely.



## Communicate

We encourage facilities to communicate with parents, staff, and students throughout the entire process. At a minimum, facilities should notify parents, staff, and students if lead-based paint hazards are identified. For tools to aid communication with your facility's stakeholders, please visit our Communication Toolkit [HERE](#).

### Facility Data Mapper

Your facility's results and reports will be posted to the facility data mapper ([HERE](#)) five business days after the results are shared with your facility. The facility data mapper is designed for facilities and the community they serve to view the results. The facility data mapper provides a way for the facility to easily communicate the results of the program to staff, parents, caregivers, and students, whether the facility received a lead-based paint exemption, or if any lead-based paint hazards were identified, and any mitigation activities that were performed.

Since lead in water mitigation is provided by the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program, this information will be readily accessible to the community through the facility data mapper and the public will be able to see the actions taken to get the lead out of the tap. However, lead-based paint mitigation activities are not provided by our program and will not appear in the facility data mapper unless the facility lists the actions taken in the portal.

Facilities should indicate whether access was restricted, or the hazards were mitigated, and upload clearance documentation in the portal once the mitigation or abatement activities are completed. By indicating these activities, the public can be aware of the actions your facility took to eliminate lead-based paint hazards where children learn and play.



## Mitigation/Abatement

Facilities are responsible for any mitigation/abatement activities.

It is important to note facilities are responsible for deciding on any mitigation or abatement activities and scheduling those activities.

**If facilities decide to mitigate/abate identified hazards, they are responsible for:**

- Identifying a certified professional,
- Scheduling the mitigation/abatement activities,
- Notifying NC DHHS of the mitigation/abatement activities, and
- Submitting for cost reimbursement from NC DHHS.



Please note that mitigation activities should be scheduled when the facility can be mostly unoccupied. Depending on the size of the mitigation area, the timeline can vary.

Facilities can use the following resources to learn more about lead-based paint and finding North Carolina certified lead-based paint professionals.

- [About Lead Hazard Management](#)
- [Find Certified Lead Professionals](#)
- [Notification Requirements](#)

Facilities will be expected to keep records of assessments and mitigation activities; records should be made available to the State upon request.



## Reimbursement

While the costs of on-site visits and sampling are coordinated and completely covered by our program, mitigation activities are not. However, covered mitigation activities are fully reimbursable from NC DHHS.

You can visit NC DHHS's website [HERE](#) for more information on reimbursement and covered mitigation activities.



## Contact Information

If you have any questions, we have resources available to help you!

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	<a href="https://bit.ly/3CK-faq">bit.ly/3CK-faq</a>
Contact Us	<a href="https://bit.ly/3CK-contact">bit.ly/3CK-contact</a>
Call/Text	1-855-997-2864
Visit Our Home Page	<a href="https://bit.ly/3CK-home">bit.ly/3CK-home</a>
About Page	<a href="https://bit.ly/3CK-about">bit.ly/3CK-about</a>
Training and Resources	<a href="https://bit.ly/3CK-resources">bit.ly/3CK-resources</a>