



# NORTH SHORE

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### HEALTHY HIGHLIGHTS 2022

*Serving the communities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay*

## October 26, 2022: Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

### **October 23-29 marks National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.**

Childhood lead poisoning remains a serious public health crisis. Primarily caused by swallowing or breathing in dust from deteriorating lead-based paint, lead poisoning can cause learning and behavior problems, slowed growth and development, and hearing and speech problems. There are an estimated 350,000 homes in Wisconsin with lead-based paint hazards; homes built before 1978 are especially likely to contain lead paint. Other common sources of lead can be contaminated drinking water from corroded lead service lines or household plumbing; imported candy, spices, makeup, or toys; and adults bringing lead into the home due to exposure from some jobs and hobbies.

Over the past two decades, more than 230,000 Wisconsin children under the age of 6 have been poisoned by lead. Every county in Wisconsin has reported a child with lead poisoning over this time period.

**Get the facts:** Learn about lead hazards that may exist in your home or your community and how to prevent lead exposure by exploring the Wisconsin DHS's [online resources](#).

**Get children tested:** Talk with your child's health care provider about the risk of lead exposure, and to determine if a blood lead test is needed. Every child living in the cities of Milwaukee or Racine should be tested for lead exposure three times before the age of 3. All other families should have a child under 3 tested if they live in or regularly visit a house built before 1978; have a sibling or playmate with lead poisoning; or are enrolled in Medicaid or the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

**Check your home for lead hazards:** The most common cause of lead exposure is from swallowing or breathing in dust from deteriorating lead-based paint. To check your house for lead-based paint hazards, a homeowner can hire a [certified lead inspector or risk assessor](#) to conduct an inspection on your home. To find out if you have lead in your drinking water, have your water tested. Contact your local health department or water company to find out about testing your water. If you rent, then ask your landlord to have your home or apartment tested.



[Article](#) from Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

### **Lead Safe Homes Program**

The Social Development Commission (SDC)'s [Lead Safe Homes Program](#) protects children and families from the hazards of lead-based paint in their homes. Eligible homeowners and owners of rental properties can receive assistance with eliminating lead-based paint hazards and creating lead-safe housing units.



## Drug Take Back Day is this Saturday, October 29

PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT DRUG TAKE BACK DAY COLLECTION SITES, INCLUDING:

**CAPSULES, CREAMS, INHALERS, NON-AEROSOL SPRAYS, OINTMENTS, PILLS, PATCHES & VIALS.**



[WWW.DHS.WISCONSIN.GOV/OPIOIDS/DRUG-TAKE-BACK-DAY.HTM](http://WWW.DHS.WISCONSIN.GOV/OPIOIDS/DRUG-TAKE-BACK-DAY.HTM)

### North Shore Drug Take Back Day locations:

#### **Village of Shorewood Police Department**

10/29/2022: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **Village of Whitefish Bay Police Department**

10/29/2022: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **Village Bayside Police Department**

10/29/2022: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Find other [Drug Take Back Day locations](#) near you.

## A Spooky – and Safe – Halloween

- **Stay home if you're sick.** Skip the Halloween party if you aren't feeling well.
- **Get tested** if you have COVID-19 [symptoms](#).
- **Take precautions** in crowded or indoor events as informed by your county's [COVID-19 Community Level](#), like wearing a high-quality mask (and Halloween masks don't count). Consider making the mask part of the costume—like a doctor, nurse, ninja, or cowboy.
- **If you're hosting celebrations**, review options for [improving ventilation in your home](#). This can help you reduce virus particles in your home and keep COVID-19 from spreading.
- **Keep your hands clean.** If you're out trick-or-treating, bring hand sanitizer. If you're giving out candy, wash your hands frequently.

## BLOOD PRESSURE & IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

### IMMUNIZATIONS (APPOINTMENT REQUIRED):

We provide vaccinations for individuals who are underinsured or uninsured, including infant, child routine immunizations and required for school. **Please call 414-371-2980 to find out what vaccines we have available and to make an appointment:**

#### **Brown Deer Office**

1st Tuesday of the month • 7:30-9am

3rd Tuesday of the month • 3:30-5pm

#### **Shorewood Office**

2nd Wednesday of the month • 3:30-5pm

4th Wednesday of the month • 7:30-9am

*If these days/times do not work for you, we will do our best to accommodate you at another time.*

### UPCOMING BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

(WALK-IN – NO APPOINTMENT):

- **NSHD Shorewood Office:** 2010 E Shorewood Blvd. 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Lydell Community Center:** 5205 N Lydell Ave, Whitefish Bay. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clinic dates: Nov 16, Dec 21.
- **Lois & Tom Dolan Community Center:** 4355 W. Bradley Rd, Brown Deer. 1st Wednesday of the month from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Clinic dates: Nov 2, Dec 7.
- **LX Club Sponsored Clinic at the Longacre Skating Pavilion:** 7343 N Longacre Rd. Monday, November 14 from 11:30-12:30pm. Monday, December 12 from 11:30-12:30pm.

*Please visit our website for up-to-date information about BP Screenings: [www.nshealthdept.org/Clinics](http://www.nshealthdept.org/Clinics)*



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### RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

1. [WI DHS Press Release Lead Poisoning Prevention Week](#)
2. [Lead-Safe Wisconsin DHS Website](#)
3. [CDC Lead Poisoning Prevention Resources](#)
4. Social Development Commission (SDC)'s [Lead Safe Homes Program](#)
5. [Drug Take Back Day locations](#)
6. [CDC Spooky and Safe Halloween](#)