

**Lead in Childcare
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Questions and Answers**

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Q: Did you say lead check swabs aren't being made anymore? Are they available with another company?

- We have not been able to find these anywhere. This is why we are sharing picture examples today because it will be important to be able to identify it.
- Send us a picture if you're unsure.
- Better to write it up if you're unsure than having the chance a child will get into it.
- Molly (ECC program manager) - Currently no alternatives that we are comfortable using for lead check swabs.

Q: Once cleared by DHSS, do we return for a reinspection, or can we do a desk approval?

- Yes, if there are no other outstanding corrections to be made, desk approval is fine.

Q: If a childcare facility has lead, does the facility have to let potential new parents know that there is lead on the premises?

- We don't require notification to new parents from a sanitation standpoint.

Q: Can we check with licensing if it is required?

- Molly Grellner: I did reach out to DESE regarding the question of "do daycare providers have to disclose that a facility has had lead identified?" The answer for ECC is no, I think that was clearly

stated in the training, however I did reach out to DESE to verify if they require that and the answer is also no. DESE does not have any rules that would require them to have a facility disclose if their building has had lead.

Q: Can you explain how to become lead certified in case anyone is interested?

- We go through company that has lead based paint inspection classes.
- 3-day class and 2 days of risk assessment. You get certificate when the course is complete and then you will send that to the state.
- Fill out application to take state test. Pass and received the certificate and badge.
- Every 2 years you will need to take an 8-hr. refresher class.