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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**City of Augusta to offer free lead testing for children**

**AUGUSTA, GA (March 29, 2022)** – The City of Augusta's [Lead Hazard Reduction Program](#) has partnered with Richmond County Health Department to offer free blood testing for lead exposure in children. The child must be six years of age and under to be tested.

**BACKGROUND:** A child qualifies for the free blood testing if they spend significant time in a home built before 1978 or with a person who works in a facility with exposure to lead. The [Lead Hazard Reduction Program](#) is coordinated by the City of Augusta's Housing & Community Development Department in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc.

**WHEN:** 9am-noon on Monday, April 11, 2022

**WHERE:** May Park Community Center, 622 4<sup>th</sup> Street

The event will include free giveaways and educational information from expert staff. The public can visit [ecphd.com/lead](http://ecphd.com/lead) or call 706-724-0505 for additional information. Media interested in covering this topic should contact Danielle Harris at [dharris@augustaga.gov](mailto:dharris@augustaga.gov) or call 706-564-3460.

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