

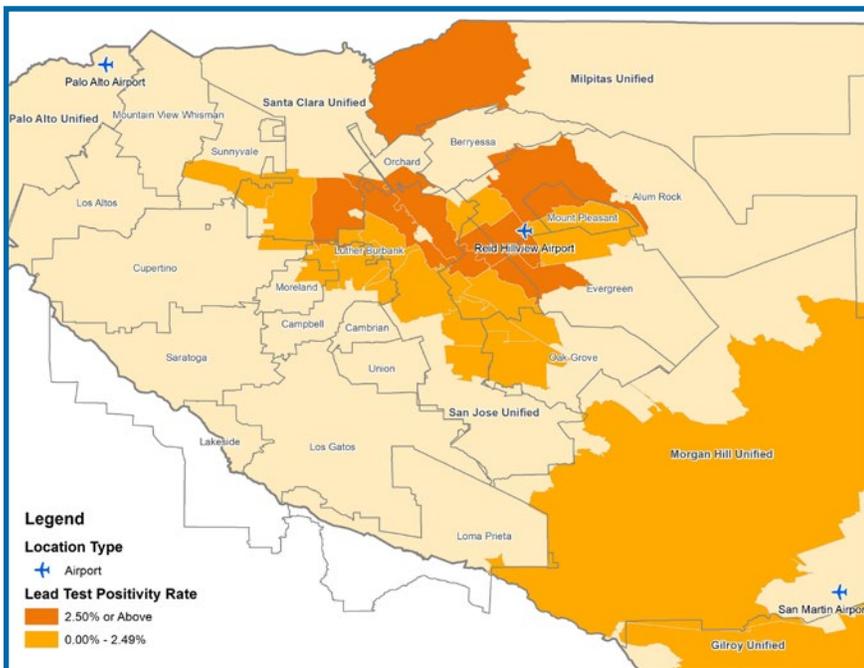
# LEAD IS UNSAFE FOR CHILDREN

**Lead from paint, aviation fuel and plumbing,** causes behavioral and developmental adverse effects in children at doses much lower than those that cause obvious symptoms. There is no effective treatment for these adverse effects. The only way to know if children have been exposed to lead is to get a blood test<sup>2</sup>.

**There is no safe level of lead exposure<sup>1</sup>**

Blood test results show that hundreds of children across Santa Clara County have been exposed to lead<sup>3</sup>.

The most at risk are children who are 1 to 5 years old who live in housing built before 1978 or who live close to sources of lead pollution like general aviation airports.



## Every child at risk should be screened for lead exposure

- Children who live in housing built before 1978
- Children who live near sources of lead pollution
- Children living in families who receive public assistance



You can learn more at the CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention website:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/>

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Data from the California Lead Poisoning Prevention program shows that hundreds of children in our county have elevated blood lead levels<sup>3</sup>.

	# Not Elevated	% Not Elevated	# Elevated	% Elevated	# Tested	Total under 6
<b>Santa Clara County</b>	18,542	98.53%	277	1.47%	18,819	141,833
<b>California</b>	473,813	98.52%	7,141	1.48%	480,954	2,922,681

Some areas of the county, including the homes and schools close to Reid-Hillview Airport in east San José, have higher risk and occurrence of elevated blood lead levels than national averages<sup>4</sup>, with potentially lifelong consequences for children and families.

## LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

California Department of Public Health  
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch – Me and My Family webpage  
[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/Pages/me\\_and\\_my\\_family.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/Pages/me_and_my_family.aspx)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program – Parents and Caregivers webpage  
<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/audience/parents.html>

American Academy of Pediatrics Lead Exposure: Steps to Protect Your Family webpage  
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/Lead-Screening-for-Children.aspx>

<sup>1</sup> “Low Level Lead Exposure Harms Children: A Renewed Call for Primary Prevention”, CDC

<sup>2</sup> “Prevention of Childhood Lead Toxicity”, American Academy of Pediatrics

<sup>3</sup> “California’s Progress in Preventing and Managing Childhood Lead Exposure”, California Department of Public Health

<sup>4</sup> “Leaded Aviation Gasoline Exposure Risk at Reid-Hillview Airport in Santa Clara County, California”, County of Santa Clara

