



## RECALL NOTIFICATIONS

The [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\)](#) recalls products such as toys and furniture with unsafe levels of lead.

The [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) posts recalls, market withdrawals, and safety alerts for products such as foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics when there is a potential for lead contamination.



**FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

Lead exposure can lead to cognitive and behavioral problems, especially for children under 6 years old. Consumers should immediately discontinue use of the recalled product and, when applicable, contact the manufacturer for a refund.

### Shop Me Ca "Diep Bao Cream"



On February 1, Shop Me Ca recalled their 10-gram tubes of [Diep Bao Creams](#) due to lead contamination. These were sold online through Shop Me Ca's Facebook page and the following Vietnamese Moms' Facebook groups: Hội Mẹ Việt Nuôi con Tại Mỹ, Mẹ Việt Tại Mỹ, Chuyên Đồ Bầu và Chăm Sóc Sau Sinh, and Nguyễn Ngọc.

### Hatley USA Children's Headbands



On February 16, Hatley USA Inc. recalled their [Opalescent Angel Wings Children's Headbands](#). The lead in these headbands exceeds the federal limit. These were sold at Hatley Boutique, Out West Trading Co, and resort area gift shops nationwide from January 2019 through September 2022.

### Bindle Water Bottles



On February 17, Bindle recalled their ["Sip and Stash" Water Bottle](#). The levels of lead in the sealing dot of the bottles contained over 1,000 times the level of lead allowed in many consumer products. These bottles were sold online through [bindlebottle.com](#) and Amazon.

### Primark Children's Bamboo Plates



On March 2, Primark recalled their [Children's Bamboo Plates](#). The plates have elevated levels of lead and formaldehyde. These were sold at Primark US stores located in the northeast region, Florida, and Chicago from October 2021 through August 2022.

[View more recalls](#)

## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



A portrait of Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon, MD, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit and a light blue tie. He is smiling slightly. The background is a light green and white abstract design.

An Interview with  
**Jose Cucalon Calderon, MD**  
**Pediatrician and Associate Professor**  
Renown Children's Hospital  
UNR School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

We at the NvCLPPP are grateful to have numerous partnerships to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning and provide care and support to children who have been exposed to lead. In this issue, we would like to highlight Dr. Jose Cucalon Calderon, doctor and associate professor of pediatrics in Reno, NV.

**NvCLPPP: What inspired you to become a pediatrician?**

**Dr. Cucalon Calderon:** During the first day of my peds rotation while in medical school, we treated an ill child. And because of our medical intervention, the child was back to playing around and happy the very next day. That one experience has stuck with me since then and continues being the main driving force for my work.

**NvCLPPP: Nevada has one of the lowest lead testing rates in the country. Why is it important to test for lead?**

**Dr. Cucalon Calderon:** Lead can have significant health consequences for children, including loss of IQ points, speech delays, developmental delays, attention deficits, and impaired learning and school performance. These are preventable by simply making sure young children are tested for lead, but not always fully reversible when present and treated.

**NvCLPPP: How do you promote blood lead testing in your practice?**

**Dr. Cucalon Calderon:** We openly err on the side of caution. When parents are unsure of what type of paint their house has, when their home was built or remodeled, or if their work can be a source of take-home lead, then we proceed to test children for lead.

**NvCLPPP: What message would you like to share with other pediatricians regarding lead testing in Nevada?**

**Dr. Cucalon Calderon:** I would recommend doing a lead screening questionnaire when a child joins your practice and comes under your care. Parents don't always know when their home was built or if they work with lead. Inconclusive answers to a lead questionnaire warrant a lead test. Per the AAP, 37 million households within the US still have lead-based paint. In Nevada, nearly 25% of homes were built before the ban of leaded paint, so this issue is still pertinent in our practice.

**NvCLPPP: What message would you like to share with families about lead testing their children?**

**Dr. Cucalon Calderon:** If they know that their home is older or if they are unsure of when it was remodeled, I recommend that families reach out to their pediatrician or primary care physician and ask about a lead test for their child. If parents are aware that their job includes handling leaded materials, this should be communicated as well. Lastly, be mindful of toys, pottery, and other consumer goods brought from abroad as they can also be a source of lead.

Here is a list of things you can do to help protect your family from lead: [Lead Exposure: Steps to Protect Your Family - HealthyChildren.org](#)

**NvCLPPP: Is there anything else that you would like to share?**

**Dr. Cucalon Calderon:** Communication and safety are key. If you have any questions about lead testing, I recommend reaching out to your local health department to receive further guidance and information.

## LEAD IN NEVADA



# FREE LEAD HAZARD REMOVAL

City of Las Vegas Lead  
Hazard Control and  
Healthy Homes Program  
Starting June 2023

The City of Las Vegas is hard at work on their new Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program. This program will offer free lead hazard removal to eligible households in Las Vegas in order to reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning. Homes built before 1978 are likely to have lead hazards such as lead-based paint and contaminated dust – which can cause serious health problems in young children. Homeowners, renters, and landlords may be eligible:

#### Homeowners

- Property was built before 1978
- Property is located within the City of Las Vegas
- Household has a child under 6 years old who resides or frequently visits
- Household meets HUD income guidelines

#### Rental Property/Landlords

- Property was built before 1978
- Property is located within the City of Las Vegas
- Household has a child under 6 years old who resides or frequently visits
- If property becomes vacant, owner must give priority to families with a child under 6 years old
- Tenant household must meet HUD income guidelines

The program is under development and is estimated to start by June of this year. For more information, please contact 702-229-7444 or [cchacon@lasvegasnevada.gov](mailto:cchacon@lasvegasnevada.gov).

## Great News:



has received  
funding from ARPA !

The NvCLPPP has recently received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to help increase childhood lead testing and blood lead surveillance in Nevada. Thanks to this, NvCLPPP will be able to:

- Provide 50 pediatric practices in high-risk zip codes with Lead Care II instruments - making on-site lead screening quick, easy, and effective
- Help build capacity among practices to report lead tests
- Build capacity across the state to identify lead hazards
- Offer educational outreach to providers and community members



## Lead in Baby Food

FDA Announces  
Action Levels for  
Lead in Categories of  
Processed Baby  
Foods



In January, the FDA announced draft guidance for lead levels in processed baby foods as part of their Closer to Zero Plan. The draft guidance contains the following lead action levels:

- 10 parts per billion (ppb) for fruits, vegetables, mixtures, yogurts, custards/puddings and single-ingredient meats
- 20 ppb for root vegetables
- 20 ppb for dry cereals

Although there are no safe levels of lead in the body, the FDA considers these guidelines to be achievable and a step towards the continued effort to reduce the amount of lead in foods.

[See the full draft guidance](#)

## Lead in Dark Chocolate

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chocolates



Consumer Reports found lead and cadmium in popular name brand dark chocolates. Dark chocolate bars from Godiva, Lindt, Trader Joe's, and Hershey's, for example, were found to contain well over 100% the California maximum allowable dose level of 0.5 micrograms of lead per ounce. While none of the chocolates tested were completely free of heavy metals, there are steps you can take to be a more conscious consumer. Check out the full report below for helpful suggestions on how you can more safely eat and enjoy dark chocolate!

[Read the full report](#)



# LATEST RESEARCH



## NEW READ

### Childhood Lead Poisoning 1970-2022: Charting Progress and Needed Reforms

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Although great progress has been made in reducing childhood lead poisoning, lead exposure continues to be one of the biggest environmental threats to children -- and it continues to be marked by housing and racial disparities. This study analyzes health and housing data to identify trends in childhood lead poisoning prevention over the past 50 years. The study identifies three phases, each with their own successes and limitations, and suggests various reforms to existing laws and policies to prevent lead poisoning.

[Read the research](#)



## NEW READ

### Improving Equitability and Inclusion for Testing and Detection of Lead Poisoning in US Children

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The current methods for testing and detecting lead poisoning in children are not suited for the magnitude of the problem. This article discusses possible modifications to current secondary prevention practices in order to increase the capacity for inclusive, equitable, and accurate testing of child blood lead levels in the US.

[Read the research](#)

# DID YOU KNOW



# ALL Children Can Be Exposed to Lead



All children can be exposed to lead . The CDC's factsheet provides a [list of real-world examples](#). Visit the CDC website for an [accessible version of the factsheet](#).

## WHO WE ARE

The [Nevada Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program \(NvCLPPP\)](#) is dedicated to working with medical providers, community partners, and health districts across the state to increase the health and well-being of Nevada's children, especially as it relates to lead poisoning prevention.

NvCLPPP aims to:

- Increase blood lead testing in Nevada
- Strengthen childhood lead exposure surveillance
- Link children exposed to lead to services

**We need your help!** By learning and teaching others about the sources and effects of lead exposure, ways to decrease exposure, and the importance of lead testing, we can work together to ensure all children in Nevada have an equal opportunity to thrive.

Visit our website [nvcclppp.org](#) to see valuable information for medical providers, community partners, and concerned parents.

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