

# Children's Lead Testing Clinics

**Monday September 14**

**Tuesday September 15**

**Monday September 21**

**Wednesday September 23**

**Monday September 28**

**Tuesday September 29**

**To book an appointment or for more information call or text 250-231-5945**



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## WHO CAN ATTEND?

Children 6-36 months who spend the majority of their day in Trail, Casino, Oasis, Rivervale, Waneta or Warfield.



Children 6-60 months who recently moved to the area, have never been tested, or live in a recently renovated home in the Lower Columbia.

**Interior Health Covid-19 Safety protocols will be in place.**



DID YOU KNOW,  
SINCE OUR PROGRAMS  
HAVE LAUNCHED,  
WE HAVE ACHIEVED:

  
**500**

HEALTHY FAMILY  
HEALTHY HOMES VISITS

  
**1200**

LEAD SAFE  
RENOVATION SUPPORTS

  
**1600**

SOIL ASSESSMENTS

  
**600**

SOIL MANAGEMENT  
(including 225 full remediations;  
200 vegetable gardens remediated)

SOIL MANAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY



"I learned about the program from a parent group that meets at the library. A community rep came to speak one day and explained the process. As I have a 3-year-old son and we are expecting in the fall, we signed up for soil testing! Our experience with everyone involved in the remediation process has been great! We are very happy with the new lawn and garden and feel safe with Felix playing out there. In addition to soil work, we also got great advice on ways to keep our home free of dust and reduce exposure to lead."

JESSICA FLORKO, MOTHER

"We connected to the THEP shortly after we had our daughter, when we relocated back to the area to be closer to family. Our kids are now 4 and 9 years old and actively play outside all the time. As a parent it's reassuring that the soil and yard environment is safe for our kids. The process of remediation has been an efficient and positive experience. We are so appreciative of the program and everything the team has done."

AMY AND CHRIS KERR, PARENTS



"When my husband and I were thinking about adding to our family, we contacted THEP for lawn testing. We had a few difficult patches in our lawn and weren't quite sure what the cause was, or how to fix it. After testing we were asked to try out the Lawncare Program and have no regrets! It turned out we didn't have enough good soil cover in our rough patches and needed some seed and fertilizer. Now our lawn is lush and green for our now almost two-year-old to play in! Thank you so much!"

THE WHITLEY'S

PROGRAM TIMELINE

The Trail Area Health & Environment Committee (THEC), formerly the Trail Lead Task Force, has been working to reduce children's exposure to lead and other smelter metals in the community for more than three decades. Public consultations on program development and goals took place in 2000, 2010 and 2016. Our programs improve air quality, support family healthy and keep homes, gardens & parks healthy and safe. For details, visit [thep.ca](http://thep.ca).

										
1990	1991	1992	1993	1997	2001	2004	2008	2012	2013	2019
Trail Lead Task Force Established	Trail Lead Program Development. Annual children's blood lead testing & follow-up begins	Community greening begins	Community dust suppression begins	New KIVCET Lead Smelter	Lead Task Force wraps up, Trail Area Health & Environment Committee established	Lead Safe Renovation program begins	Yard Remediation program begins	Fugitive Dust Reduction Program begins	Healthy Family Healthy Homes begins	Yard Remediation program expands



## Meet Councillor Cyra Yunkws, THEC member from the Village of Warfield



Cyra and her husband moved to Warfield in 2013 to be closer to family and recreational opportunities. When they found out a baby was on the way, they contacted the THEC to learn about supports available to best protect their children. They have participated in voluntary blood lead testing, soil testing and lawn care.

"Now that I am on the committee, I am excited to help spread the word about THEC and the work being done. I am impressed by the diligence I have seen to continuously improve blood-lead levels, and to innovate

and use science-based processes to better understand how to do that. I am grateful that Warfield is included in the program area. My goal is to spread the word that programs are available to our community and people should participate. I hope that by the time my children have children this program will no longer be necessary due to the work of THEC."

*Feel free to contact Cyra Yunkws at the Village of Warfield with questions you have. More information is also available at [thep.ca](http://thep.ca).*

Join us online for our  
**next THEC meeting**  
**7pm September 16th**  
[email.programs@thep.ca](mailto:email.programs@thep.ca)  
for meeting link

### Community Members Wanted

Join the Trail Area Health & Environment Committee.  
Email [programs@thep.ca](mailto:programs@thep.ca) for details.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Friends of mine with young children are moving to Trail. What do they need to know?

Trail is a great place to live, work and raise a family. The community developed around one of the largest operating lead/zinc smelters which results in a unique situation. Keeping indoor dust down, covering bare soil in yards and promoting handwashing are some of the best ways to reduce children's exposure to lead. There is an annual voluntary blood lead testing clinic for children. This helps identify where more support is needed and/or potential exposure. The Trail Area Health & Environment Program offers a variety of supports depending on family needs, location, and age of children.

How can I reduce my child's exposure to lead?

There are many things you can do to help reduce exposure and ingestion of lead by your child. The most effective way is to keep indoor dust down. In addition, connect or reconnect with the public health nurse and home garden representative for a home visit to look more closely at nutrition, diet and the home environment.

Learn more at [thep.ca](http://thep.ca)



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