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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Fingerprick Lead Testing Available at Select GO Health Immunization Clinics**

Did you know that the only way to know if a child has been poisoned is to get them tested? There are often no clear signs or symptoms of lead poisoning. This is why testing children for lead is so important.

Lead is a metal that is harmful to our bodies and can cause serious health issues. "Children under 6 are most at risk for lead poisoning because their bodies are rapidly developing," stated Gabrielle Lanich, Lead Program Coordinator of Genesee and Orleans County. "The health effects of lead poisoning are permanent and can affect a child into adulthood." Childhood lead poisoning can harm the brain and nervous system leading to learning difficulties, lower IQ, organ damage, and at very high levels can be fatal.

The Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health) will be offering free fingerprick lead testing at the following immunization clinics this year.

- Genesee County Health Department  
3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020
  - Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Orleans County  
14016 Route 31 West, Suite 101, Albion, NY 14411
  - Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

All clinics are between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:30pm. Testing is available for children ages 1-6. Children must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Please make an appointment by calling your local health department:



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