

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**MARYLAND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK**

**OCTOBER 22-28, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** *Education and awareness about the dangers of lead can help protect the lives of children living in Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has made significant progress in reducing childhood lead exposures, but there are still too many children at risk from lead in housing and other sources, and lead poisoning still disproportionately affects certain groups and populations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has made significant progress in reducing childhood lead exposures, but there are still too many children at risk from lead in housing and other sources, and lead poisoning still disproportionately affects certain groups and populations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Blood Lead Reference Value is the level at which a child has more lead in their blood than do most U.S. children (97.5% of children ages 1–5 years) and is used as a guide to determine appropriate follow-up actions and prevent further exposure; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Effective January 1, 2024, Maryland will begin conducting environmental investigations when a child or pregnant woman is diagnosed at or above the Blood Lead Reference Value*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 22-28, 2023, as MARYLAND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty-three

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*  
Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State