FAQ’s

New Regulations Effective July 1, 2020

1. Lab Reporting- 26.02.01

Reason for lab reporting changes?
- New Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting requirements
- Incorporate CDC reference level
- Make minor updates and clarifications

Who do these changes affect?
- Blood lead testing labs
- Health care providers

What labs must report to MDE for each blood lead test?
- Country of birth
- Ethnicity
- Medical assistance number (if enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP)
- Healthcare provider’s NPI
- Draw site’s telephone number and NPI
- Lab’s CLIA number
- Lab method used to analyze blood specimen
- Limit of detection for the method used to analyze blood specimen
- If reporting a “no result” test result, limit of detection for the laboratory
- For the blood lead level, numeric results comparator of “equal” or “less than” or “greater than.”

2 Lead in Dust Standards -COMAR 26.02.07; 26.16.02; 26.16.05

Reasons for lead dust changes?
- Consistency with federal dust lead hazard standard
More protective of public health and more consistent with the concept of a lower blood lead reference level

**Who is affected by these changes?**

- Accredited inspectors
- Labs that analyze dust samples
- Indirectly, property owners

**What are the changes to the dust standards?**

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**Where do the new dust standards apply?**

- Identifying lead hazards during risk assessments and environmental investigations (*effective automatically under federal regulation, Jan. 6, 2020*)
- Clearance inspections for lead abatement projects
- Lead-contaminated dust tests for the risk reduction and modified risk reduction standards

**3. Environmental investigations- COMAR 26.16.08**

**Reason for the changes?**

- Required under Ch. 341, Acts of 2019- House Bill 1233
- Achieve consistency during Environmental Investigations
Who is affected by these changes?

- MDE
- Local health departments that conduct EIs (Baltimore City and Prince George’s County)
- Children and families affected by elevated blood lead levels (EBLs)

What does the Environmental Investigation Process look like?