SAMPLE LETTER (for BLL ≥ 5 ug/dL)

[Date]

To the Parent or Guardian of:

[Insert address]

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Recently your medical provider tested your child, [insert name of child], for exposure to lead. [Insert name of child]’s blood lead level was [insert \_ µg/dL BLL] µg/dL (micrograms per deciliter of blood). If the blood was taken from your child’s finger or heel it may be in this range due to contamination. You should talk to your child’s medical provider about the possibility of a venous draw. If the test was a venous draw it MAY be a sign of recent exposure to lead. At this level, public health will provide direct services, but parents should take steps to identify possible sources of lead in their child’s environment in order to prevent any further exposure. There is no safe level of lead for children. Recent research has shown that lead levels below 5 µg/dl can lower intelligence.

I have enclosed a fact sheet titled “Understanding Your Child’s Blood Lead Test” for more information on blood lead testing and the need for another blood lead test.

I would also like to encourage you to visit the Oregon Health Authority’s Lead Poisoning Prevention website at [www.healthoregon.org/lead](http://www.healthoregon.org/lead) or call the LeadLine at **800-368-5060** for more information on lead poisoning and how to prevent exposure to lead.

Sincerely,

[Insert your name]

[Name of] County Health Department

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