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Panhandle Health District Offering Free Blood Lead Level Testing for Children

KELLOGG, ID – Panhandle Health District (PHD) announced they will be providing blood lead testing later this month at Shoshone Medical Center. Screening is free for children living in the Box and Basin areas of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site.

Lead exposure in the Silver Valley occurs most often during the summer months, when outdoor recreation is common. Increased blood lead levels can develop with no obvious or immediate symptoms, causing lead exposure to frequently go unrecognized. In children, lead in the blood can cause behavior and learning problems, lower IQ levels, hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems and anemia.

Details for the screening events are as follows:

Who: Children 18 years and younger and pregnant women who live within the boundaries of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site.

When: July 25-29, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
July 30, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Shoshone Medical Center
25 Jacobs Gulch Road
Kellogg, Idaho 83837

There is a \$30.00 incentive for testing children ages 6 months to 6 years old. All children must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

For further questions or if residents are unsure if they live within the Bunker Hill Superfund Site, call the Panhandle Health District's Kellogg office at (208) 783-0707.

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