



October 7, 2021

Dear Childcare Providers:

Lancaster City is among the top ten cities in Pennsylvania with the highest rate of childhood lead poisoning. Homes built before 1978 are very likely to contain lead-based paint and pose the greatest risk to children under the age of six.

As you may know, lead exposure to children under six years of age may seriously harm a child's health including damage to the developing brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems and hearing and speech problems.

***We are inviting you to a meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The first session will be in English from 5:30PM-6:30 PM and the second session will be from 6:30PM-7:30PM in Spanish to discuss the legislative and systematic changes to Chapter 182.- Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control. Please feel free to attend either session.*** These proposed changes are designed to ensure the safety of your facility and the children in your care as well as provide information on resources available to you and to answer any questions you may have regarding the requirements of lead-safe certifications that will be required for your facility beginning in 2023.

We appreciate your continued commitment and understanding of this critical undertaking to ensure the protection of our most vulnerable population.

Please refer to: <https://www.cityoflancasterpa.com/lead/> and <https://www.cityoflancasterpa.com/rental-ordinance-change/> for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Geiser".

Rebecca Geiser  
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