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# DECEMBER HEALTH BULLETIN

## Safe TOYS GUIDE

Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to consider if the toys they wish to give suits the age and individual skills and abilities of the individual child who will receive it, especially for infants and children under age three.

This holiday season (and beyond), please consider the following guidelines for choosing safe toys for all ages:



Inspect all toys before purchasing. Avoid those that shoot or include parts that fly off. The toy should have no sharp edges or points and should be sturdy enough to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or being pulled apart easily.



When purchasing toys for children with special needs try to: choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others and think about the size of the toy and position a child would need to be in to play with it.



Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with. Look for labels that assure you the toys have passed a safety inspection – “ATSM” – means the toy has met the American Society for Testing and Materials standards.



Keep kids safe from lead in toys by: educating yourself about lead exposure from toys, symptoms of lead poisoning, and what kinds of toys have been recalled; being aware that old toys may be more likely to contain lead in the paint; having your children wash their hands frequently and calling your doctor if you suspect your child has been exposed to lead.



Do NOT give toys with small parts (including magnets and “button” batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested) to young children as they tend to put things in their mouths. If the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids under age three.



Do NOT give toys with ropes and cords or heating elements, or crayons and markers unless they are labeled “nontoxic”.

Call Prevent Blindness America at 800-331-2020 or visit [www.preventblindness.org/safe-toy-checklist](http://www.preventblindness.org/safe-toy-checklist)

Sources: <https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/apha-calendar/2021/2021-safe-toys-and-gifts-months>



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## October 2025 Statistics

### Clinics

**Blood Pressure**  
Persons served: Blood Pressure ..... 0

**Paternity Testing Clinics** ..... 1  
Number of Persons Tested ..... 0

### Immunizations

**Number of Clinics** ..... 5  
No. of adults ..... 308  
No. of adults immz. adm ..... 300  
No. of pediatrics ..... 84  
No. of pediatrics immz. adm ..... 172  
Total of vaccines administered ..... 472

### Children's Immunizations

Pediarix ..... 13  
Pediatric Flu ..... 73  
Hib ..... 17  
Pneumococcal ..... 19  
Rotavirus ..... 10  
Hep A ..... 11  
Dtap ..... 10  
MMR ..... 13  
Tdap ..... 9  
Hepatitis B ..... 1  
Varicella ..... 9  
Kinrix ..... 2  
Gardasil ..... 2  
Meningitis ..... 34  
ProQuad ..... 5  
IPV (Polio) ..... 5  
Td ..... 0  
Men. B ..... 0  
Nirsevimab/RSV ..... 0  
COVID-19 ..... 0

### Adult Immunizations

Hepatitis A ..... 1  
Hepatitis B ..... 2  
Flu ..... 290  
Men. B ..... 0  
Meningitis ..... 0  
MMR ..... 0  
Pneumonia 23 ..... 0  
TD ..... 0  
Tdap ..... 4  
Typhoid ..... 0  
Varicella ..... 1  
Yellow Fever ..... 0  
Pevnar 20 ..... 0  
Shingrix ..... 1  
RSV ..... 0  
COVID-19 ..... 0

### Maternal Child Health (MCH)

**Maternal Health Encounters** ..... 426  
**WIC Caseload** ..... 1,110  
WIC Clients receiving Education.. 141  
WSSM / WIC Education ..... 27  
Internet WIC Education ..... 4  
Individual WIC Education ..... 19  
Phone Education ..... 91  
Lead ..... 28  
Hemoglobins ..... 102  
ASQ Developmental Screenings .... 68  
Depression Screenings ..... 50  
EPSDT'S ..... 45  
Flouride Varnish (Oral Health) ..... 37  
Number of Vision Tested ..... 1  
Number of Hearing Tested ..... 0  
Pregnancy Tests ..... 1

### Better Birth Outcomes-Comprehensive

APORS Investigations ..... 5

### Healthworks Caseload ..... 53

### Communicable Disease Investigations

Animal Bites ..... 5  
Chickenpox ..... 0  
Cryptosporidiosis ..... 0  
Hepatitis B ..... 5  
Hepatitis C ..... 3  
Histoplasmosis ..... 0  
HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated ..... 0  
HIV Test ..... 3  
Salmonellosis ..... 0  
Streptococcal Infections (Group A) . 0  
Whooping Cough (Pertussis) ..... 0

### Sexually Transmitted Disease

Chlamydia ..... 11  
Gonorrhea ..... 3  
Syphilis ..... 2

### TB (Tuberculosis)

Tests Administered ..... 8  
New LTBI ..... 0  
New Suspect TB Investigations. .... 0  
New Active Cases ..... 0

### Lab Draws

#### **Private Pay**

Salem Office ..... 68  
Centralia Office ..... 27  
Total Private Pay Lab Draws ..... 95

### Environmental Health

#### **Food**

Routine Inspections ..... 19  
Follow-up Inspections ..... 5  
Complaint Inspections ..... 0  
Temporary Inspections ..... 0  
Pre-Operational Inspections ..... 6  
Emergency Incident Inspections .... 1  
Number of Permits Issued ..... 20  
Cottage Food Permits Issued ..... 0

#### **Sewage**

Routine Inspections ..... 4  
Complaint Inspections ..... 4  
Realty Inspections ..... 0  
Sewage Systems Installed ..... 4  
Number of Permits Issued ..... 6

#### **Water**

New System Inspections ..... 0  
Existing Water Well Inspections ..... 0  
Realty Inspections ..... 0  
Complaint Inspections ..... 0  
Water Wells Sealed ..... 0  
Number of Permits Issued ..... 0

#### **Closed Loop Wells**

Closed Loop Well Inspections ..... 1  
Systems Installed ..... 1  
Number of Permits Issued ..... 1

#### **Tanning**

Routine Inspections ..... 0  
Follow-up Inspections ..... 0  
Complaint Inspections ..... 1

#### **Body Art**

Routine Inspections ..... 0  
Follow-up Inspections ..... 0  
Complaint Inspections ..... 0

### FIT Test

Female ..... 0                      Male ..... 0

