

School Health

➤ **New Lead Law**

The law (House File 158) which requires evidence of a blood lead test when children that enter school (i.e., before the age of 6 and provided to the elementary school in which the child is enrolling), was signed into law by Governor Culver on April 17. The requirement applies to children enrolled in public and private schools and those who are home school. The requirement for testing will be effective by the summer of 2008.

➤ **New Dental Screening Law**

On May 9, Governor Culver signed a new policy into law that will require children enrolling in elementary school and high school to have a dental screening. Parents or guardians of elementary school children will be required to provide evidence of a dental screening (done no earlier than age three and no later than age six) by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, nurse or physician's assistant. High school students will be required to provide evidence of a screening by a dentist or dental hygienist within the previous year of enrollment. This new law will go into effect July 1, 2008.