

Exide Update

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to work in communities impacted by Exide lead contamination in the following ways:

INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS



- The UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine (UCD SVM) is providing **free lead and heavy metal testing for backyard chicken eggs** in the state of California.
- Results will be shared individually with each owner. Please contact Dr. Maurice Pitesky at the UCD SVM Cooperative Extension at mepitesky@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-1407.

ADDRESS HEALTH CONCERNS



- **SAVE THE DATE:** LA County Department of Public Health will be hosting “Let’s Talk about Lead and Your Health” event on **Saturday, October 20, 2018**. Join us in listening to experts address your health concerns.
- **265 health care providers** were educated on Exide contamination in surrounding areas.
- Partnership with **Alta Med** to join in their outreach efforts.

CONNECT WITH SCHOOLS



- In continuing our efforts to **increase screening services** and health education for students and families in neighborhoods surrounding the Exide plant, the Department of Public Health’s nurse, Alberto Rivadeneira Jr., has started to bring together community partners and service providers to coordinate services and screening.
- The Department of Public Health has been collaborating with partners at Garfield High, Maywood Center for Enriched Studies, Rowan Elementary, and local Head Start parent groups to increase information to the surrounding communities and work towards increasing access to **blood lead testing for residents**.

ADVOCATE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CLEANUP PLAN



- Focused advocacy effort on asking the state to fulfill its obligations to **clean up properties** with highly contaminated soil.
- Testified at **legislative hearings** and met with key legislators to achieve the three key changes in the State clean-up plan for the residential areas.
- Continued to develop strategies focusing on both the State budgetary process and proposed legislative changes.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- Free Blood Lead Testing: 1-844-888-2290
- For Lead and Related Health Questions: 1-800-524-5323
- Mental Health Access Center: 1-800-854-7771

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please call Lindsey Lastra at 323-373-6005 to confirm dates and times.

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VISIT OUR EVENING RESOURCE CENTERS

Ruben Salazar Park:

3864 Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles 90023
5:30PM – 8:30PM
7/5/18 ▪ 7/20/18 ▪ 7/27/18

Obregon Park:

4021 E 1st Street, Los Angeles 90063
5:30PM – 8:30PM
7/5/18 ▪ 7/20/18 ▪ 7/27/18

Saybrook Park:

6250 Northside Dr., Los Angeles 90022
5:30PM – 8:30PM
7/5/18 ▪ 7/20/18 ▪ 7/27/18

Lou Costello Jr Recreation Center

3141 E. Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles 90023
7:00PM – 9:00PM
7/12/18 ▪ 7/25/18

VISIT OUR DAYTIME RESOURCE CENTER

East LA Health Center:

133 N. Sunol Dr., Los Angeles 90063
9:30AM – 11:30AM
Tuesdays

Via Care Health Fair:

4755 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles 90022
9:00AM – 2:00PM
8/18/18

COMMUNITY MEETING

Resurrection Church:

3324 Opal St, Los Angeles, 90023
6:00PM
Mondays
Led by Resurrection Church, not the Department of Public Health

STAY CONNECTED:

Do you want to join other advocates in your community, receive quarterly updates or receive text message alerts regarding our efforts? Contact spa7@ph.lacounty.gov

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GET TO KNOW THE STAFF: Charlene Contreras



Charlene Contreras is an Environmental Health Specialist who works to protect the public from hazards in the environment. She started her career 18 years ago and feels very fortunate to be able to serve the Los Angeles communities where she was raised. Her commitment to environmental justice and health equity guide her effort to provide support, information, and resources to impacted residents and compel the State to fulfill its obligation to clean properties with highly contaminated soil.

Call with questions about soil testing, soil test results, and soil clean up:

California Department of Toxic Substances Control Hotline: 1-844-225-3887

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>