

## **Hair Child 5-Panel Drug Exposure Test**

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Child Hair Follicle Exposure Drug Test will determine the passive exposure to drugs in the hair of children. Most young children are not drug users but are in the environment of drugs so the child hair drug tests for both the native and drug metabolites provide a much better insight into the child's environment. Like the typical hair drug test, the child hair test has a detection window for up to 90 days and can be done on a child of any age.

This test is a laboratory-based test, and includes a screen and a confirmation, if necessary.

### **WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?**

A child that is exposed to a drug filled environment is often faced with other obstacles in their life such as abuse, neglect, violence just to name a few. Detecting these environments are critical in keeping children safe. The child drug hair follicle test is one way to help identify the environment and safety of a child.

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?**

When the drug screen is performed in the laboratory, the drug screen results take 24 to 48 business hours after specimen collection. If the drug screen is non-negative, the result and specimen will then need to be confirmed. Confirmation takes an additional 48 to 72 business hours after the screen is completed.

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