
From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Miller, Corinne (DHHS)
Subject: Fw: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

From: Lyon, Nick (DHHS)
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 10:27 AM
To: Wells, Eden (DHHS); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Moran, Susan (DHHS)
Subject: RE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

I think it's a great idea. I would like to do a joint announcement once we have an agreement with the significant parties involved. I think this is the type of collaborative effort that can really make a difference for the children in Flint going forward, especially on the preventive side.

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 8:41 PM
To: Lyon, Nick (DHHS) <LyonN2@michigan.gov>; Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <lasherg@michigan.gov>; Moran, Susan (DHHS) <MoranS@michigan.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

Fyi- I was aware this may be in the works and had shared with Sue previously---

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wells, Eden (DHHS)" <WellsE3@michigan.gov>
Date: December 3, 2015 at 8:13:21 PM EST
To: "Moran, Susan (DHHS)" <MoranS@michigan.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families
 See email chain- I sent the idea about data sharing to Nick and GERALYN too

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From: "Wells, Eden (DHHS)" <WellsE3@michigan.gov>

Date: December 3, 2015 at 8:05:49 PM EST

To: Mona Hanna-Attisha <MHanna1@hurleymc.com>

Subject: Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

Outstanding-that would be so cool to have a partnership like that!!! !! Ok- I will check in with Corinne, our State Epi, first thing. Forwarded to Nick as well.

Eden

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On Dec 3, 2015, at 7:30 PM, Mona Hanna-Attisha <MHanna1@hurleymc.com> wrote:

sounds good. as of now, i can talk tomorrow before 8:30am, 1-2pm, or after 3:30pm.

FYI I am working with Hurley Children's, MSU, and maybe the GCHD to create a sort of Pediatric Public Health Collaborative that would house the ongoing assessment/long term followup/research/continued monitoring that we are doing as well as some of the secondary prevention interventions which include all of peds public health. The team will include part of me (30%), research support, epidemiologist, GIS, toxic stress researchers, etc. The reason I wanted to include the health dept was primarily for access to data - like the BLLs - but also to prevent redundancy of interventions. MSU and the health dept already have an academic health dept relationship, but i don't think it includes data sharing.

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [WellsE3@michigan.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 7:19 PM

To: Mona Hanna-Attisha

Subject: Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

I like that idea- and I don't foresee an issue with such an agreement. I hope you understand that this is just one form of a surveillance report, and there can be others- but we really wanted to get the testing data started.

Shall we discuss with State Epidemiologist-/could set up call even tomorrow- will share your request with Nick right now

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On Dec 3, 2015, at 6:59 PM, Mona Hanna-Attisha <MHanna1@hurleymc.com> wrote:

Do you think it would be possible to create a data sharing agreement so that we could do the real-time geocoding of kids with EBLL's? So whenever a EBLL comes in for Genesee county, my team can map it, trend it, etc? You guys may already be doing this, but we easily have the GIS support. This real time mapping will further help us identify hot spots for resource delivery and remediation.

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From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [WellsE3@michigan.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 4:19 PM

To: Reynolds, Lawrence; Lawrence Reynolds; Kirk Smith; Mona Hanna-Attisha; Peter Levine; Laura Caravallah; Kay Doerr; Laura Sullivan; Laura Carravallah; Marc Edwards; Valacak, Mark; Andy Leavitt; Base Camp Email; Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS)

Subject: Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

You are correct, Larry, that the MDHHS data is pulled out of the Data Warehouse by Flint zip.

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From: Reynolds, Lawrence <LawrenceR@mottchc.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2015 3:49 PM

To: Wells, Eden (DHHS); Lawrence Reynolds; Kirk Smith; Mona Hanna-Attisha; Peter Levine; Laura Caravallah; Kay Doerr; Laura Sullivan; Laura Carravallah; Marc Edwards; Valacak, Mark; Andy Leavitt; Base Camp Email; Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS)

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My understanding is that the other data set is by 9 Flint wards so only Flint homes are in the data set vs including those with Flint mailing addresses with zip codes. Please correct me if needed.

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [<mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 3:39 PM

To: Lawrence Reynolds; Kirk Smith; Mona Hanna-Attisha; Peter Levine; Laura Caravallah; Kay Doerr; Laura Sullivan; Reynolds, Lawrence; Laura Carravallah; Marc Edwards; Valacak, Mark; Andy Leavitt; Base Camp Email; Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS)

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Hi Dr. Reynolds,

I just got done with an email with Mona---

This is a general public report that is high level--not a technical report, and was not meant to represent a technical report. This is general information--of course our surveillance program is tracking by zip, Medicaid, locality, etc.

We can discuss further what type of reporting may be useful to a technical audience---as long as not identifiable (some zips have to be suppressed) I don't see why this can't be done (probably not every two weeks like this public one would be)

Warm Regards,

Eden

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Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2015 3:25 PM

To: Wells, Eden (DHHS); Kirk Smith; Mona Hanna-Attisha; Peter Levine; Laura Caravallah; Kay Doerr; Laura Sullivan; Dr. Lawrence Reynolds, M.D.; Laura Carravallah; Marc Edwards; Valacak, Mark; Andy Leavitt; Base Camp Email

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This is a good start but maybe lacking context . Would GIS software identify clusters ? I am disappointed to see, at this moment , that Dr. Edward's study and Dr. Mona's study which have more granular reporting are given no credence. Is there a reason ?

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From: Kirk Smith <ksmith@flint.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 3:01 PM

Subject: Fwd: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

To: "lrey52@gmail.com" <lrey52@gmail.com>, "MHanna1@hurleymc.com" <MHanna1@hurleymc.com>, "plevine@gcms.org" <plevine@gcms.org>, "lsulliva@kettering.edu" <lsulliva@kettering.edu>

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Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

Reply-To: <MDHHS@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov>

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 3, 2015

CONTACT: Jennifer Eisner, (517) 241-2112

MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint

Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

LANSING, Mich. – Preliminary data indicates that 30 of 1,361 adults and children tested in Flint since October 1 had elevated blood lead levels, according to a report issued today by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

This marks the first summary report on lead testing called for in the state’s action plan related to health concerns about Flint’s water infrastructure.

“Our goal is to help families reduce their exposure to lead sources,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “We have made progress in testing and identifying those with elevated blood lead levels, and the department will continue to work closely with the Genesee County Health Department to reach these families. We will remain diligent in our ongoing outreach and education efforts.”

Information comes from tests administered citywide to 1,361 children and adults since October 1. Tests showed that 21 of 969 children age 17 or younger and 9 of 392 adults over the age 18 were identified with elevated blood lead levels.

The report covers test results reported to MDHHS since the state action plan was put in place Oct. 2. It includes the number of tests and number of elevated blood lead levels greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter, and captures both capillary and venous blood tests that have been reported to MDHHS since the beginning of October. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once. Five micrograms per deciliter is the level that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers elevated and triggers health care professional follow up with families.

The full report is posted online at www.michigan.gov/flintwater and will be updated as more data becomes available.

When reviewing historical trend data, the risk of lead exposure is highest during the third quarter of each year – July through September. Seasonal variation is the result of a number of factors including increased exposure to lead in dust and soil in the summer months.

In the third quarter of 2010, 8.3 percent of Flint children 6 and under showed elevated blood lead levels. The figure gradually decreased to 4.1 percent in the third quarter of 2013. During the same months in 2014, the figure increased to 7.5 percent and decreased to 6.4 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

Last month, MDHHS collaborated with the county health department and local partners to distribute educational resources and informational letters to Flint parents regarding lead testing. The state is providing funding for GCHD nurses to work with families when an elevated blood lead level has been detected. During these follow-up visits, nurses coordinate with environmental health investigators to meet with families in their homes to identify lead exposures, address questions and provide water filters. People can be exposed to lead from paint, soil, plumbing and other sources.

MDHHS continues to provide free water filters and replacement cartridges to Flint residents at four locations, including the MDHHS Flint offices and the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department. For a full list of locations and hours of distribution, visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

To help residents properly install water filters, and to demonstrate how to replace the original when it expires,

MDHHS has created an instructional video on its [YouTube channel](#). For updates, visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

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