
From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 5:33 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: FW: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Murray, David (GOV)
Cc: Smith, Jennifer (DCH)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

Hi Dave,

I attached the Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing (BCAL) GovDelivery email in my earlier email, but I've cut and pasted below for easier access. As you'll see, the article is making subscribers (primarily people who have licensed day cares and other facilities) aware of the city of Flint warning residents of potential dangers in the drinking water. BCAL is not ordering anyone to do anything. I apologize for not notifying the Governor's Office. I didn't see this until after it went out, and it didn't occur to me that the governor's office would need to be aware of it. In retrospect I should have let you know.

Please let me know if you need any additional assistance.

Thanks,

Bob

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City of Flint Warns of Potential Health Risks Caused by the City's Drinking Water

The city says there's been too much disinfection byproduct in Flint's water system recently, something that -- over many years could cause liver, kidney or central nervous system problems and an increased risk of cancer.

The notice from the city says Flint water is safe to drink but warns that those with a severely compromised immune system, who have an infant or who are elderly may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

For others, there is no need to boil water or take other actions, the notice says.

It is recommended that licensed child care providers and licensed adult foster care and homes for the aged providers seek medical advice or use bottle water when serving

individuals at increased risk as outlined above.

For more information, go to to the city's website at <http://cityofflint.com>.

From: Minicuci, Angela (DCH)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 2:16 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV); Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Cc: Smith, Jennifer (DCH)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

I agree about the concern with this notice going out. Bob and I spoke about this. Bob, I know you may not be involved when every messages like this go out, but I think a conversation should be had with local DHS offices who use GovDelivery about what is appropriate to send and what is not.

Angela

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 2:02 PM
To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Cc: Smith, Jennifer (DCH); Minicuci, Angela (DCH)
Subject: Re: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

Bob, if that went out on Jn. 29, that's what he's referring to. Do you have a response if I refer him to you?

Also, can you send me a copy of that, because I'm certain we'll get questions today.

It's a bit concerning that such a notice went out and we didn't get a heads-up.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 3, 2015, at 12:07 PM, Wheaton, Bob (DHS) <WheatonB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Everyone,

Attached is a DHS Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing GovDelivery email that went out to subscribers of the BCAL newsletter. It doesn't prohibit child care centers from using Flint water, but suggests that they seek medical advice or use bottled water. So maybe that's what the intermediate school district is talking about regarding the Head Start program.

It's possible MDE could have issued something as well, so I'll check with them.

Bob

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Smith, Jennifer (DCH); Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

I asked Ron to go back to the GISD for some specific information about the recommendation, asking for specific department names and people.

We'll get to the bottom of this.

From: Smith, Jennifer (DCH)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Murray, David (GOV); Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

Not on our end, I think we covered it last week! I was just curious so I could be ready for calls.

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Smith, Jennifer (DCH); Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

Our event is 3 p.m. today. Is there anything that might be important for us to know in advance?

From: Smith, Jennifer (DCH)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:10 AM
To: Murray, David (GOV); Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

Hi Dave – is there an event still planned for this week?

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:08 AM
To: Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Wheaton, Bob (DHS); Smith, Jennifer (DCH)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

This is news to me. Let me check with Ron for some details.

From: Minicuci, Angela (DCH)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:48 AM
To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS); Smith, Jennifer (DCH); Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?
Importance: High

Hi Bob,

No, we did not do this. I'm looping in Dave Murray. Dave, any insight?

Angela

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:28 AM
To: Smith, Jennifer (DCH); Minicuci, Angela (DCH)
Subject: Flint Head Start told to not use city of Flint water?

Hi Jen, Angela,

Ron Fonger from The Flint Journal left me a message stating that DHS told the Genesee Area Intermediate School District told the Head Start program not to use city of Flint water.

Is that something MDCH did? I'm pretty sure it's not something we'd be doing, but I'm checking with our child care licensing folks to make sure. If this is an MDCH matter, Ron's number is 810-347-9963.

Thanks,

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