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Jim,

We've prepared 2 documents for you: one a fact sheet regarding lead in Flint water the other a more general infographic regarding the health effects of lead. We will send these to you for review as soon as we receive approval from the MDHHS communications office, hopefully today.

Earlier today, Kory Groetsch provided information we received from CDC regarding the 3 questions from Hamilton Health Center.

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Hello everyone,

Similar to many of your organizations the Genesee County Health Department has been receiving many specific questions regarding risks from lead. We have partnered with MDEQ's Toxicology Division to try to get some answers. Our research has provided only limited information. Attached are EPA, CDC and a few other documents that have been extremely helpful, but they do not address many of the specific questions. Also, copied below is a CDC response to some of the questions.

Please feel free to comment and add to the list below. If anyone has official, scientific or generally accepted guidance, please share it. I'll compile a comprehensive FAQ document and share it back with the group.

Public FAQ's

- Is it ok to wash fruits and vegetables?
- Is it ok to wash dishes?
- Is it ok to wash hands and then handle or eat food?
- Is it ok to wash clothes? (skin irritations)
- What are risks to pets (any particular pet that may be more susceptible) i.e. canary?

Hamilton Health Center Questions w/ CDC response below:

1. Can Flint River water be used to wipe down surfaces, counter tops?
2. Is it ok to utilize the water for cleaning of instruments?
3. Is it ok to use the water in autoclaving?

Dr. Arias wrote: We know of no formal guidance on this issue. However, lead in water is measured in parts per billion. Ambient contamination of surfaces and metals in general is much higher. Lead is also not well absorbed through skin. Our SMEs would not expect any problems with this practice unless the water is ingested. I'm copying Mary Jean Brown here who would be available if you have additional questions or need some other follow up.

Thanks Jim

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