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Talking points. I will make the adjustment you and I talked about. Thanks for your help.

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Here's the talking points we've been working from. Feel free to add DHHS' info.

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Flint Drinking Water Action Plan

Talking Points

Overall Messaging

- Repeated testing shows the water leaving Flint's drinking water system is safe to drink and meets all federal guidelines, including lead.
- After the switch the Flint River, the compliance testing protocol yielded results of 6 ppb in December 2014 and 11 ppb in June 2015. Both results were below the federal action level of 15 ppb.
- However, we recognize some residents experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets because of lead plumbing in the home, and that's a concern.
- Out of an abundance of caution, we want to address the needs of all Flint families, and so we have developed an action plan that includes both short- and long-term solutions.
- The state plan focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure.

Messaging regarding the action plan

The city and the state are working together to gather more data to ensure the water that leaves the treatment plant as well as the water that arrives in Flint homes is safe for all residents.

- **Immediately test Flint public schools to ensure that drinking water is safe. Testing will also be available at no cost to any other school in Flint.**
 - Although Flint's drinking water meets all federal requirements, the state wants to take extra steps to ensure that drinking water is safe for the city's children.
 - The state will fund this testing (about \$30,000) at no cost to the city or the local schools, and make the results publicly available.
- **Expand health exposure testing of individual residences.**
 - To double-check its data as well as provide residents with an additional layer of assurance, the DEQ will conduct more tests at Flint properties.
 - The Technical Advisory Committee will determine the scope of this expanded testing.
- **Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.**
 - Although all testing indicates water in the city of Flint meets all federal standards, we understand some residents are concerned.
 - To ensure water in individual homes is safe, free water testing is available to all Flint residents.
 - We encourage anyone with a concern to get their water tested.
 - Contact the city water department to have your water tested.
- **Begin optimizing corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.**