

Kristen – Please review and my suggestion is to obtain water via SNAP benefits, as WIC can not provide the bottled water. Comments? Thanks

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Stan,

This is the request we received from Dr. Hanna- Attisha at Hurley regarding infant formula that I left you a message about on your voicemail.

I am also including a link to the M-live article about the controversy.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/virginia_tech_researcher_says.html

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All,

I briefly spoke with Toni yesterday about this, but would it be possible to give bottled water or nursery water (vouchers or actual bottles) to our families with formula fed babies through WIC. The babies who

are drinking formula mixed with tap water (especially warm tap water) are at greatest risk for lead exposure. Water is such a huge proportion of their diet and their brains are still developing.

Until we have definitive information about lead exposure, we should err on additional prevention, especially for our most vulnerable kids.

Let me know what you think or if there is someone else I should contact about this. Thanks! Mona

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