
From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH)
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Peeler, Nancy (DCH)
Subject: RE: Flint follow-up

Angela,

I'm available today, but I'm no epidemiologist. The best I could say is something like this: "While the trend for Michigan as a whole has shown a steady decrease in lead poisoning year by year, smaller areas such as the city of Flint have their bumps from year to year while still trending downward overall."

Does that sound reasonable?

Bob

From: Minicuci, Angela (DCH)
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Scott, Robert L. (DCH) <ScottR9@michigan.gov>; Peeler, Nancy (DCH) <PeelerN@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Flint follow-up
Importance: High

Hi Nancy and Bob,

The Detroit Free Press wants to do a bigger story about the issue of lead in Flint. I made it clear to her yesterday that we could not say the lead poisonings are related to the water, but she instead wants to do a story about the increase of overall lead poisonings in Flint between 12/13 and 14/15. Are either of you available to speak with her today?

Thank you,

Angela

From: Tanner, Kristi [<mailto:ktanner@freepress.com>]
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To: Minicuci, Angela (DCH) <MinicuciA@michigan.gov>
Subject: Flint follow-up

Hi Angela,

Thanks for the feedback yesterday. I took a look at the numbers last night that you sent over and the year over year increase between 13/14 and 14/15 is statistically significant $p < .05$

Can you ask your epidemiologist to confirm? Also, is this the first significant increase that Flint has seen for this cohort?

Thanks!

Kristi

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Children in Flint, less than 16 years of age, tested for lead

Children with Elevated BLL*

Children Tested**

May 2010 - April 2011	168	0.043796	May 2010 - April 2011	3,836
2011-2012	153	0.036085	2011-2012	4,240
2012-2013	118	0.028379	2012-2013	4,158
2013-2014	95	0.023691	2013-2014	4,010
2014-2015	123	0.032106	2014-2015	3,831
May - August 2015	34	0.029746	May - August 2015	1,143

*Each child counted only once.

**Some children counted in more than one year.

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Source: MDHHS Data Warehouse