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Subject: Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint; Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

Good afternoon, Andy ,

This is a public health surveillance report to show the tracking of blood lead testing in Flint. This reflects increased screening and testing that is occurring in the face of increased public health and healthcare provider and researcher responses, including Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Dr Edwards, Reynolds, etc.

As in many public health surveillance systems, surveillance reports may serve different functions. This one is to simply track the progress of testing and proportions of EBLs over the coming year (as you know, with seasonality, I am quite interested in Q3's each year to assess impact of lead programs, and will not be falsely reassured by Q4 and Q1 data points).

I would hope that you realize that surveillance reports, as this one will be, are regularly developed and this will be updated on a weekly to bi-weekly basis through the coming months (years?). T

The issues of spatial clustering and associations with lead lines, etc have already begun to be ascertained by our colleagues at Hurely and WSU, and I hope that those can continue.

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Dr. Wells,

What is the goal of releasing this data? Especially as it comes on the heels of Dr. Edwards finding that the water is not safe, yet.

In my humble opinion, it continues to show the state is telling a story that is not reflective of the reality that residents are living with. Throughout this process, we have discussed repairing the trust relationship between the government and the residents of the City of Flint needs and I believe this only further erodes that trust. I also believe that the community very much needs high-level data. They have responded with remarkable understanding to both Drs. Edwards and Hana-Attisha so I hope you follow their pattern and share the most meaningful data. To start that means not lumping 17-7-year-olds with infants and recognizing lead has a half-life.

What is bound to happen is the media will ask experts about this and the experts will highlight discrepancies in the rationale and data and the community is back to square one knowing that the people charged with getting this right still can't quite do it.

Thanks,

Andy

On Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 4:08 PM Andy Leavitt <aleavitt@senatedems.org> wrote:

On Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 3:40 PM Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Hi Dr. Reynolds,

I just got done with an email with Mona---

This is a general public report that is high level--not a technical report, and was not meant to represent a technical report. This is general information--of course our surveillance program is tracking by zip, Medicaid, locality, etc.

We can discuss further what type of reporting may be useful to a technical audience---as long as not identifiable (some zips have to be suppressed) I don't see why this can't be done (probably not every two weeks like this public one would be)

Warm Regards,

Eden