

"There are two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children: one is roots; the other is wings." – Hodding Carter
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From: Henry, James

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 12:46 AM

To: Valacak, Mark; Brickey, Tamara; LaRocco, Toni; Johnson, M.D., Gary; July, Jori

Subject: Re: Whaley Childrens Center 1201 N. Grand Traverse

I met with Michelle Johnson, Director of Operations.

- On 10/16 United Way delivered filters to Whaley.
- Whaley recently replaced filter cartridges, because red indicator light.
- Children drink only bottled water from many donated sources.
- Whaley maintenance crew sampled water, but mistakenly only filled the liter bottles 1/2 way to top.
- The 2.516ppm is the employee restroom @ admin building. It's a newer hand sink fixture, but old plumbing. I couldn't remove aerator to check for lead particulate, because of the fixture design. No valve, so posted "Do Not Use." At the extreme level, I want to check with MDHHS toxicology regarding potential risks from lead residual from hands to mouth (not skin absorption)
- .213 is off site at Rotary and no children are there. It will be posted or made inaccessible until demonstrated to be safe.
- .029 is a classroom and concerning. Michelle will check in morning to see if it is drinking water and follow up with me.
- Tomorrow appropriate resampling is scheduled by Whaley staff. I recommended sampling drinking fountains also and make them inaccessible until demonstrated safe.
- Michelle estimated 27 children at Whaley,
 - A. None age 0-5,
 - B. One age 6,
 - C. One age 8
 - D. Twenty-five age 11-16.
- Michelle indicated most children have same Hurley doctor, but not sure who physician's name.
- She referred me to Michelle Shamel, Whaley's Director of Clinical for information regarding blood testing and physician. I'll follow up with her in morning.

Jim

Sent from my phone.

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From: Henry, James

Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2016 6:36 PM

To: Valacak, Mark; Brickey, Tamara; LaRocco, Toni; Johnson, M.D., Gary; July, Jori;

Cc: Henry, James;

Subject: RE: Whaley Childrens Center 1201 N. Grand Traverse

Thanks. I'm stopping by Whaley tonight to make sure that no one is drinking the water and the concerns below are addressed.

I received the attached water results this afternoon and I will bring a copy to help me identify the fixture locations at Whaley. I intend to have the manager shut off the valve at 2.516ppm, p.39 of the attachment. Results on p. 19, 29, 32, 39, 48 are all elevated at Whaley and others are concerning.

It is not common for us to receive the MDEQ daily report with this many lead results or the number of elevated in one location. We commonly receive between 1-15 general water results, which most are usually bacteria, partial chemistry and arsenic, mixed in with a few lead and copper.

I'll report back what I find at Whaley.

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From: Valacak, Mark
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 5:00 PM
To: Henry, James; Brickey, Tamara; LaRocco, Toni; Johnson, M.D., Gary; July, Jori
Subject: Whaley Childrens Center 1201 N. Grand Traverse

Jim,

I just got a call from Eden Wells and DEQ just told her Whaley CC was given sample results of 213ppm and 2516ppm from two fixtures. As this is a center for foster kids it would be a good idea if we verify they are not using those fixtures. Find out if they have filters or are using bottled water. Are the kids there seen by a physician and tested for lead? Have they notified their physician(s) of the problem?
Thanks

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