
From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH)
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 3:45 PM
To: Mona Hanna-Attisha
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

No, I didn't run the data for kids 0-5. We normally would use that age range, and I don't completely recall the conversation that led to using 0-15—possibly trying to cast as wide a net as possible? Of tests for kids 0-15, approximately 10% are for the 6-15 age range.

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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 3:12 PM
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Subject: RE: Automatic reply: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Bob, did you ever look at your data that was released for kids less than 5, rather than 16? 16 seems so strange — we rarely do lead levels in kids over the age of 5. Is that what other states do?

Thanks!

From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH) [mailto:ScottR9@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 1:02 PM
To: Mona Hanna-Attisha; Marc Edwards; Jenny LaChance
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Mona,

There's generally a lag of about two weeks from the date of the test to its being fully processed in our system. A few results take longer, for a variety of reasons. 99% of all results through August should be reflected in those numbers. Not sure why the last few months were so low.

Thanks,
 Bob

From: Mona Hanna-Attisha [mailto:MHanna1@hurleymc.com]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 12:51 PM
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Subject: RE: Automatic reply: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Thanks Bob. We greatly appreciate all your assistance and your hard work!

It's interesting to note that the number of children tested in July and August of 2015 is so small as compared to the same months in previous years? Do you think those numbers capture all the tests that were done — is there a lag time in reporting to your system?

Thanks! Mona

From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH) [<mailto:ScottR9@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Marc Edwards
Cc: Mona Hanna-Attisha; Peeler, Nancy (DCH); Minicuci, Angela (DCH)
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Marc,

As you well know, the data you and Dr. Hanna-Attisha have requested are derived from personal health data, which of course is confidential. There are state and federal laws governing what can be shared, and how, with researchers or the public.

I worked with you earlier this month to get data to you relatively quickly, but we did not manage to complete the process before I went on annual leave for several days. I neglected to inform you that I'd be away. I returned on Wednesday and corresponded that day with Dr. Hanna-Attisha, providing her with the forms she'll need for her request.

Regarding your email from Monday, I think you'll be able to get approval for data with zip code identified. I'll edit your data use agreement accordingly, will adjust it to say "limited data set" instead of "de-identified," and will re-submit it to our Legal office. You will need to submit an MDHHS IRB review application (attached) because this is considered research. You should also submit a "HIPAA Waiver Request" (attached). (I wasn't aware of the Waiver Request when we talked earlier this month.) Send those documents to me, and I'll pass them on to our IRB contact. I don't know whether you'll need to go through an IRB review with your institution.

In short, both your request and Dr. Hanna-Attisha's are in process in accordance with departmental policies.

I've attached a PDF that includes the numbers behind the graphs you referred to, and I'm CC'ing Dr. Hanna-Attisha so that she has it as well.

Please keep in mind that I work for a very small program responsible for processing several thousand blood lead results every week—in order to get them out to the professionals working directly with children and families, which is the primary purpose and highest priority of our program.

Bob

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Subject: RE: Automatic reply: New DCH-1294, time-sensitive

Dear Robert,