
From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:10 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: October EBL data - previous years

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From: "Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)" <EisnerJ@michigan.gov>
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I apologize if that wasn't made clear but we have said all along that these numbers may change as additional tests come in, and I believe I said that in one of our phone conversations. With all data there is almost always a data lag - vaccination coverage levels are delayed about a year - and this summary report, as stated in the release, is intended to provide updates on the numbers of tests completed and cumulative results on an ongoing basis.

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On Nov 23, 2015, at 9:52 PM, "Murray, David (GOV)" <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Jen, I'm confused here. If the October data was incomplete, why are we releasing it? Why not wait until we have ALL the October data before we release it? Seems like issuing incomplete data would come back to bite us.

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On Nov 23, 2015, at 9:47 PM, Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

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Hi Jen,

That would be inappropriate at this time--as we have persistently said that the October data for 2015 IS NOT COMPLETE, and is thus unstable. In fact, just this week we have added quite a few more tests that were done in October to this weeks' report, and we may see a few more pop in in the next week or so. Test reports, and this is not unusual for any surveillance system, can lag an AVERAGE of two -three weeks from time of test to time that report is made to the state health department, which means some lag longer than that!

Thus, comparing the October 2015 data is not appropriate to compare to the monthly totals for October for the last 5 years.

What they can do with the data, which is much more methodologically sound, is to compare quarters of data, as we have laid out by zip code, over the last 5 years...that captures the potential lag in reporting a bit better.

If you need me to talk to anyone, let me know---I have CC'd our State Epidemiologist as well.

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They're requesting the last 5 years only.