
From: Snyder, [REDACTED] PPI
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Cc: Scott, Allison (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Clement, Elizabeth (GOV)
Subject: Re: ACTION NEEDED on Flint water documents

Please proceed as recommended.

Thanks
Rick

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 3, 2015, at 12:43 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Governor,

Sorry for the quick turnaround time on this, but DHHS is hoping to issue the release this afternoon to avoid issuing news on Friday. The DHHS team has answered the questions and made significant revisions to the press release at my request. I think this is far more reader friendly and people focused.

Here are the specific answers to the questions:

Do the elevated lead levels stick with a person for life?

We do see blood lead levels decrease after education takes place and exposure to lead sources is reduced. The purpose of screening children for lead is to identify those with elevated levels. Removing potential sources of lead exposure and ensuring proper nutrition and healthcare leads to decreases in blood lead levels in follow-up testing, which is an important part of case management. Lead has a half-life in blood of approximately 25 days; in soft tissue, about 40 days; and in the non-labile portion of bone, more than 25 years.

Why do the lead levels spike on a seasonal basis?

When reviewing historical trend data, the risk of lead exposure is highest during the third quarter of each year – July through September. Seasonal variation is the result of a number of factors including increased exposure to lead in dust and soil in the summer months.

DHHS is requesting to issue this at 2 p.m. with Dr. Wells available to answer questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave

The notifications will be timed as follows:

1:30 p.m.

- Send final embargoed release and summary report to:
 - Genesee County Health Department – GERALYN Lasher
 - Dr. Mona Hannah-Attisha – GERALYN Lasher
 - Task Force Members – GERALYN Lasher

- City of Flint Mayor's Office – GERALYN Lasher
- Congress and legislature – Elizabeth Hertel

2 p.m.

- Issue press release and summary report
- Post press release and summary report to MDHHS website newsroom and Flint Water website, www.michigan.gov/flintwater

Please let me know if you have any additional questions, edits or concerns.

Thank you,

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