
From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: Flint blood level data

Talked with Gov about this briefly. He def indicated preference waiting until early next week to ensure best messaging and outreach.

They took this long - let's get this right.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2015, at 9:41 AM, Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

We're talking to the director to and will give you a call soon.

Jennifer

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:34:35 AM
To: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)
Cc: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS)
Subject: RE: Flint blood level data

I don't think this should happen today at all. Governor is at an important event in Southeast Michigan this morning, and I think we need some direction from him and others on this issue.

From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 9:30 AM
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Thanks Dave. We're talking with population health now and will send around an updated version as soon as possible.

Will be in touch as soon re: timeline but the notifications are not happening right at 9:30.

Best,
Jennifer

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 6:24:48 PM

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Subject: Flint blood level data

Good evening, MDHHS friends,

Here are suggested changes to the press release. I think it's vitally important to have our "people first" approach, and be very up front about the results. I also think it's important to show up high what we will do with this data. Please consider the changes. I also think it's worth a conversation about whether we want to release this on a Friday morning. This is a challenging situation to be sure, but I think these results are fairly encouraging considering some of the heated rhetoric on this issue.

Thank you,

Dave

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MDHHS releases October data outlining blood lead levels in Flint

Results show 24 of 963 people tested had elevated levels

LANSING, Mich. – Blood lead level testing results released today revealed that 24 of 963 adults and children tested in Flint in October had elevated levels, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

MDHHS is working closely with the Genesee County Health Department to reach out to families testing with higher levels and help them reduce their exposure to lead sources.

Information was gathered from tests administered citywide to 963 children and adults between October 1 and October 30. Eighteen people age 17 or younger had elevated blood lead levels. Six adults over the age 18 were identified with elevated blood lead levels.

The report is intended to inform residents about blood lead level testing efforts in Flint and provide cumulative total numbers.

"Our goal is to help families reduce their exposure to lead sources," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. "We have made