
From: Baird, Richard (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 9:37 AM
To: Ken Sikkema; Chris Kolb
Subject: FW: Edwards Report Response

From: Lyon, Nick (DHHS)
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 1:32 AM
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Here was our public response. You can share with Ken and Chris. I am also willing to talk to them about this.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)" <EisnerJ@michigan.gov>
Date: December 21, 2015 at 3:46:05 PM EST
To: "Lyon, Nick (DHHS)" <LyonN2@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: Edwards Report Response

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has consistently provided information regarding blood lead levels in the city of Flint.

When initially looking at the citywide and county elevated blood lead level numbers, the increase appeared to be consistent with the routine seasonal fluctuation seen in the summer months. It wasn't until the Hurley report came out that our epidemiologists took a more in-depth look at the data by ZIP code, controlling for seasonal variation, and confirmed an increase outside of normal trends. As a result of this process, we have determined that the way we analyze data needs to be thoroughly reviewed. Additionally, Gov. Rick Snyder has created a Flint Water Task Force to review all city, state and federal responses and actions and is expected to make recommendations moving forward.

Our department is focused on ensuring that appropriate case management and follow up is occurring in Flint. Summary reports outlining blood lead level testing are posted online on a bi-weekly basis, and we are working closely with local partners to fulfill data requests as we receive them.

Regarding the FOIA, Mr. Edwards received all of the requested documents, with personal information redacted, on Friday, December 18.

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