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Flint Water Daily Update Updated Feb. 1

Current Issues Talking Points

Governor and DEQ stress importance of home water testing

- The health and safety of Flint residents remains a top priority. It is essential that all Flint residents have the water in their homes tested as soon as possible.
- While water filters will eliminate lead in most homes, those with levels above 150 parts per billion will need to take extra precaution.
- If levels are above 150 ppb, residents should not drink water from the filtered faucet and use bottled water only.
- DEQ and DHHS will visit homes found to have lead levels over 150 ppb for additional testing.
- To date, less than one percent of Flint homes have been identified as having lead levels of this amount. Results showing lower levels indicate residents should continue following established protocols.
- Pregnant and nursing mothers and young children should continue to drink bottled water as a precaution.
- Free water testing kits are available at Fire Stations 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8. Water Samples should be returned to the fire stations for testing.
- Anyone who is unable to get to a Fire Station to pick up a free testing kit should call United Way 2-1-1 for assistance.

Federal denial of WIC expansion for Flint children

- On Saturday, the federal government denied the Governor's request to use supplemental nutrition funding for Flint children up to 10 years of age who may have been exposed to high lead levels in the water.
- The governor has continually stated that the Flint water issue is the result of government failure at all levels. All levels of government should be committed to supporting Flint's families along their road to recovery.

- It is understood that WIC funding is generally meant for children five years old and younger, however this disaster calls for a waiver of this rule. Expanded nutritional support for children under 10 is essential to their long-term well-being.
- The Governor is urging the federal government to re-evaluate their denial of this funding.
- The state has provided more than \$28 million for a short-term solution in Flint, but additional funding and collaboration is necessary to implement a successful long-term solution.