

Connors, Paul (Treasury)

From: Connors, Paul (Treasury)
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 11:36 AM
To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Subject: Fwd: Flint water crises

I sent this to Tom

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hanrahan, Daniel (MDE)" <HanrahanD@michigan.gov>
Date: January 25, 2016 at 11:33:12 AM EST
To: "Connors, Paul (Treasury)" <ConnorsP@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Flint water crises

Although the e-mail came from Kyle, I believe the advice was relayed to us from the State Emergency Operations Center through our liaison, Louis Burgess.

Dan Hanrahan
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From: Houseman, Jennifer (MDE) On Behalf Of Guerrant, Kyle (MDE)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 12:07 PM
To: MDE-All Staff <MDE-AllStaff@michigan.gov>
Subject: Flint water crises

Colleagues,

As you know, the Governor has declared a state of emergency for Genesee County due to the ongoing health and safety issues caused by lead in the City of Flint's drinking water. The State has established an incident command operations center at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). Louis Burgess, our Emergency Management Coordinator, and other staff have been representing MDE at the SEOC. This is currently operating seven days a week. MDE leadership is being kept up to date of the State's on-going efforts in Flint. A Joint Information Center (JIC) has been established. All messages regarding Flint and water safety issues are to be coordinated through the JIC.

Any MDE staff conducting business in the Flint area should be aware that there is some resentment towards the State concerning the handling of the water crises. Staff should not travel in State-owned cars through Flint neighborhoods. Any MDE logo clothing should be avoided. (This is more an issue for uniformed staff of other state agencies.)

State officials from the Department of Environmental Quality have been working with schools, child care centers, and other institutions to ensure that they are taking proper safety precautions related to water. The State is actively coordinating water filter distribution, water quality testing, blood level testing, and distribution of bottled water with local county emergency managers. MDE staff in the Office of School Support Services have also been working with child nutrition program providers since last October. OSSS staff continues to reach out to Flint-area MDE-approved child nutrition program providers (both school meals and Child and Adult Care food programs) to ensure they are aware of available resources regarding water quality.

The State is maintaining an up-to-date website on the Flint water crises at <http://Michigan.gov/Flintwater>. The "Taking Action on Flint Water" link on the MDE Homepage (left side) will take you to the same webpage.

If you have any communication going out to the field that is related to the Flint water crises, you should coordinate your message with Marty Ackley. Marty will coordinate with the JIC to ensure that we have a consistent, accurate message.

If you have any questions on the Flint water crises, feel free to contact me or Louis. If you are interested in this issue, be aware that Dr. Eden Wells will be making a presentation on the Flint water crises tomorrow at the State Board meeting (Tuesday, January 12). Dr. Wells is the Chief Medical Executive of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

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