
RE: EpiAid Milwaukee Letter of Invitation - follow-up

From Bernstein, Aaron (CDC/NCEH/OD) [REDACTED]

Date Thu 4/3/2025 6:30 PM

To Westrich, Christine [REDACTED]; Totoraitis, Mike [REDACTED]; Weber, Tyler [REDACTED]
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Johnni (CDC/NCEH/DEHSP) [REDACTED]

Dear Christine, Mike, Tyler, and Sheryl:

I sincerely regret to inform you that due to the complete loss of our Lead Program, we will be unable to support you with this EpiAid request.

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Aaron Bernstein

Director

National Center for Environmental Health | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
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From: Shugart, Jill (ATSDR/OA/OD)

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:50 PM

To: Epi Aid (CDC) [REDACTED]; Pennington, Audrey (CDC/NCEH/DEHSP) [REDACTED]; Westrich, Christine [REDACTED]; Svendsen, Erik (CDC/NCEH/DEHSP) [REDACTED]

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Hi all –

A huge thanks to Audrey for all her help and everyone on this string for jumping in to try and address this complex public health problem. We are discussing with our leadership if we will be able to continue to support you all in Milwaukee and if so, what that will look like. I appreciate your patience as we wade through many challenges the next few days. I will be back in touch as soon as I am able to inform the group on a way forward.

I am grateful for your leadership, collaboration, and public health expertise! Take good care!

V/r,
Jill

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Dear Audrey,

We are very sorry to hear about this and we wish you and everyone at your division the best – thank you for your service. Thanks also for looping in Fuyuen, Johnni, and Jill to consider whether there is capacity at NCEH to support this Epi-Aid.

Best,
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Epi-Aid Response Team
CDC/NCSTLTPHIW/DWD/ELWB

To request an Epi-Aid or obtain more information, e-mail us at <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Christine, Mike, and Tyler,

I wanted to let you know that my entire division was eliminated today. I'm so sorry I won't be able to keep working with you on this response. I am ccing Fuyuen, Johnni, and Jill. They are still working and will be your best contacts about whether this can move forward. You are in good hands with them.

Wishing you all the best,
Audrey

From: Westrich, Christine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:21 AM
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Dear Dr. Svendsen and CDC EpiAid,

Please find attached, the City of Milwaukee Health Department's letter of invitation for assistance with the investigation of lead exposure in MPS schools. We anticipate and encourage a deployment of two weeks beginning 4/28/2025.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Christine

Christine Westrich
Director Emergency Response Planning
City of Milwaukee Health Department

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