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Dear STEVEN FRIESS,

You received a venous blood lead test at the Genesee County Health Department that was analyzed using the below mentioned analyzer. On May 17, 2017, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a safety warning about use of Magellan Diagnostics LeadCare analyzers with venous blood samples because they might have falsely low test results. The safety alert is only for tests drawn with venous blood samples. It does not apply to tests done with capillary blood samples (finger pokes and heel sticks).

As a result of the safety warning, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) now recommends that individuals who had a venous blood lead test and fit into the following categories receive a capillary blood retest:

- Younger than 6 years (72 months) of age at the time of the safety alert (May 17, 2017) and had a venous blood lead test result of less than 10 micrograms per deciliter analyzed using a Magellan Diagnostics LeadCare analyzer at an onsite (e.g., health care facility) or at an offsite laboratory.
- Currently pregnant or lactating women who had a venous blood lead test performed using a Magellan diagnostics' LeadCare analyzer.

According to the CDC it is not necessary for you to have an additional test unless you are currently pregnant or breastfeeding. However, if for your peace of mind, you would like to have a repeat blood lead test you are welcome to come to the Primary Care Clinic at the Genesee County Health Department or you can call your doctor to discuss testing. If you have questions call the Genesee County Health Department at 810-237-4542 to speak to a nurse. To schedule an appointment for a blood lead test please call 810-257-3443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary K. Johnson, MD, MPH".

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Medical Director

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