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Sent: 8/9/2020 5:26:09 AM
To: Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]
CC: Iademarco, Michael (CDC/DDPHSS/CSELS/OD) [REDACTED]; Schuchat, Anne MD (CDC/OD) [REDACTED]; Campbell, Amanda (CDC/OD/OCS) [REDACTED]; McGowan, Robert (Kyle) (CDC/OD/OCS) [REDACTED]; Witkofsky, Nina (CDC/OD/OCS) [REDACTED]; Kent, Charlotte (CDC/DDPHSS/CSELS/OD) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Follow up on CDC report on COVID-19 in children hospitalized; see link below

Dr. Redfield,

You may not know that Dr. Charlotte Kent is on vacation this week, and I am serving as Acting Editor in Chief, *MMWR*. I consulted with Dr. Michael Iademarco shortly after receiving this email from Dr. Alexander (see below). We are available to discuss next steps with you and OD leadership (copied) in the morning.

Chris Casey

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From: Alexander, Paul (HHS/ASPA) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:45 PM
To: Kent, Charlotte (CDC/DDPHSS/CSELS/OD); Caputo, Michael (HHS/ASPA); Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA); Witkofsky, Nina (CDC/OD/OCS); Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD); Casey, Christine G. (CDC/DDPHSS/CSELS/OD)
Subject: RE: Follow up on CDC report on COVID-19 in children hospitalized; see link below

Dr. Casey, see below to Dr. Kent but she is on leave and I am informed you are taking her role for now.

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US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
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From: Alexander, Paul (HHS/ASPA)
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To: Kent, Charlotte (CDC/DDPHSS/CSELS/OD) <[REDACTED]>; Caputo, Michael (HHS/ASPA) <[REDACTED]>; Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA) <[REDACTED]>; Witkofsky, Nina (CDC/OD/OCS) <[REDACTED]>; Redfield, Robert R. (CDC/OD) <[REDACTED]>

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<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6932e3.htm?s>

Good night Michael, I have given this thought and felt I would write making this request formal.

Michael, I am asking that you put an **immediate stop** on all CDC MMWR reports due to the incompleteness of reporting that is done in a manner to mislead the public. Importantly, CDC sends us shortly before putting out, a summary paragraph and I repeatedly write them about the summary as it leaves one unable to assess the full report and we go back and forth...how could we be clearing things without the full report??? CDC to me appears to be writing hit pieces on the administration and meant at this time to impact school re-openings and they then send it to the media knowing it is deceiving. I ask it be stopped now! Give us the full word document, NOT the summary!!!!

Dr. Redfield, my deepest respect to you, I am a huge admirer of all the great things you have done for this world...and I request Sir that you work with us at ASPA to ensure all is stopped now so that the reporting is accurate please. I am sure you are not aware of these reports as you can read and see the summary is not reflective of the content.

This immediate stop will ensure that reports are only cleared if I get ahead of time, the:

1. actual 'full' MS Word version and NOT the summary, we must clear the full report, with the relevant tables, in final form that they at CDC decided will be the posted report. FINAL, not scratched up. Their final. I must read it, refer back to the CDC writers, and get agreement on 1-2 lines before it is posted. The reports must be read by someone outside of CDC like myself, and we cannot allow the reporting to go on as it has been, for it is outrageous. Its lunacy. They may say 'it's the data'; I agree on one level, but they are constantly reporting incompletely and writing in a manner to make the nation run and dig a hole and climb inside with their children for 10 years. It makes no sense. It is meant to deceive and this recent report will show it clearly, and I will get to it.
2. If I see the final report, and we agree on my 2 lines, only then can it be posted. If this is not done, then cannot be reported and cleared by ASPA. Period. CDC cannot police itself, they have shown this in the reporting. There is something more beside the report afoot and this mail is not the place to get into it. The result is the administration and public is not being served. All the nation seeks is unbiased reporting of the facts, not a spin and report meant to tell a specific narrative for CDC's goals. I am not sure of what it is but it stinks. I cannot read a report and get pull hair out of my head.
3. Nothing to go out unless I read and agree with the findings how they CDC, wrote it and I tweak it to ensure it is fair and balanced and 'complete'. And not misleading.
4. Please put a stop on all immediately Michael.
5. Again, I request as part of this, 2 reports be adjusted online (the Georgia camp and this one on hospitalized COVID children).

I will use the above embedded CDC report as a clear example (see url). I will also refer to the recently published report MMWR on the Georgia camp. These 2 are highly instructive but the one on hospitalized COVID children is most recent and important to discuss.

I am asking that CDC immediately go back to the 2 reports and adjust the summary and if this is not done, then the stoppage be immediate. Any administration or President served by CDC with this type of reporting will be badly served.