

Date: 6/22/2021

**\*\*\*DRINKING WATER NOTICE\*\*\***  
**Tests Show Presence of Coliform Bacteria in Water**

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Samples taken on 6/15/2021 have confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria.

**AS A PRECAUTION, USE BOTTLED WATER OR BOIL WATER FIRST FOR DRINKING WATER AND FOOD PREPARATION. AVOID DRINKING THE WATER WHEN BATHING/WASHING HANDS AND FOLLOW WITH HAND SANITIZER. IF YOU OPERATE A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PLEASE FOLLOW THE ATTACHED PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR BOIL ORDERS**

**What does this notice mean?**

This is not an emergency. Total coliform bacteria themselves are generally not harmful. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's water source or water distribution system.

*\*Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. \**

If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor regarding other potable use of this water such as hand washing or bathing.

**What steps are being taken?**

We are working with the Boone County Health Department (local health department or IDPH regional office) to eliminate the coliform bacteria contamination in the water supply. We will inform you when additional samples show no coliform bacteria

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact Todd Bex at (815) 547-5711.

State Facility ID# 1L3B7885 Facility Name Aberdeen Park

-----PN DELIVERY CERTIFICATION (Complete After Issuance of Notice)-----

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby affirm that the public notice has been provided to consumers on \_\_\_\_\_ (date or date range) by \_\_\_\_\_ (list method, e.g. posting).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Precautionary Public Notice - Coliform Bacteria Present

*Template on Reverse*

Pathogens are disease carrying organisms. Many different pathogens may be present in water. It is not practical to test for them all individually. Instead, we rely on monitoring for *indicator organisms*, or *coliform bacteria*. Coliform bacteria may or may not be harmful themselves, but their occurrence indicates the potential presence of other harmful organisms. The indicator organisms we use for monitoring drinking water are called total coliforms.

If total coliform bacteria are found in a water supply distribution system, the system may be vulnerable to pathogens, whether pathogens are actually present or not. Additional sampling may be required to determine the extent of any contamination problem within your system. Detection of total coliforms is a warning sign that your system may also be vulnerable to fecal contamination. This could be caused by any number of instances such as line breaks, cross-connections, or compromised sources. You should attempt to determine the source of the total coliform contamination and address the problem as quickly as possible.

When more than one total coliform sample is positive for total coliform (i.e., a routine positive followed by one or more coliform positive repeat samples) during a monitoring period, a **precautionary notice** must be immediately (following notification of the positive repeat sample) posted or distributed by hand or delivered via the postal service.

In addition, noncommunity systems must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method. Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you post the notice, it must remain posted until the issue is resolved, and coliform negative clearance samples are collected. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on your system's letterhead, if available.

## **Mandatory Language**

You must also include standard language to encourage the distribution of the public notice to all persons served.

## **Corrective Action**

In your notice, describe corrective actions you took or are taking.

## **After Issuing the Notice**

Make sure the certification portion on the public notice is completed and send to the IDPH central office within ten days after issuing the notice. Please submit to:

Non-Community Public Water Supply Program  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Division of Environmental Health  
525 W. Jefferson Street  
Springfield, IL 62761

Or by email to: [dph.noncommdata@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.noncommdata@illinois.gov)