

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The Leggett Valley School Had Levels of Bacteria in its Drinking Water Above the Allowed Standard During June 2019

Our water system collected three drinking water samples in June 2019 which tested positive for bacteria. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation. Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or giving out copies by hand or mail.

What should I do?

You do not need to take any corrective actions at this time. This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on regulated contaminants in drinking water are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What happened?

We routinely monitor our drinking water for contaminants. We took four water samples from our drinking water system to test our water for the presence of coliform bacteria during June 2019. Three of the four samples showed the presence of this bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may test positive for bacteria. The positive samples were tested further for *E. coli*. None of the drinking water samples were found to contain *E. coli*. Our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant level allowed for total coliform bacteria, as specified in Section 64426.1, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

What does this mean?

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliform bacteria is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform bacteria indicate the possibility of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal, or soil sources. *E. coli* bacteria can cause illness, especially in children and the elderly. If drinking water standards are not met, drinking the water may not necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. Routine and follow up sampling are important to periodically verify the safety of the water. In June 2019, coliform bacteria were found in more drinking water samples than is allowed by law in the Leggett Valley School water system. This was a warning of potential problems, and it was a violation of the regulations, specifically Section 64426.1, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Has the problem been resolved? What corrective actions have been taken by the Leggett Valley School to prevent this violation from occurring in the future?

It was determined that over the Summer Break some sections of the distribution system was not adequately flushed. With regular flushing monthly of trouble areas will suffice to keep those areas from getting stale.

This was determined by this dept. and the State Water Resource Control Board. The problem was satisfactorily resolved and accepted by the State Water Resource Control Board. Board came out and did on-site ~~be~~ visit.

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Sections 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

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