

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

December Distribution Monitoring Requirements Not Met For The University of West Florida Water System

Our water system recently failed to meet a drinking water monitoring requirement. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor (or test) your drinking water for the presence of total coliform bacteria on a regular (monthly) basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. Due to an oversight, in December 2017, we failed to take two (2) of the fifteen (15) required samples from the water distribution system. This put us in violation of our requirement. Please note that raw (not treated) samples taken from our wells and the other 13 distribution samples in December were absent for total coliform bacteria (that is, none were found). Also, samples taken from our distribution system during the month of January 2018 were all absent for total coliform.

What Should I Do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. You do not need to boil your water, or seek other sources of drinking water, or take any other corrective actions. If a situation ever arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, we will notify you within 24 hours.

What Does This Mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We did not find any total coliform bacteria in our routine distribution system testing for the month of January 2018. *(Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.)*

What Has Been Done?

- We are amending our procedures to ensure that required sampling is performed each month from now on, as required.
- The system's well and other routine distribution bacteriological samples for the month of December 2017 were all absent for total coliform bacteria.
- The distribution system was properly sampled the following month in Jan. 2018 and the results were absent for total coliform bacteria (no coliform bacteria were detected).

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Please share this information with all the 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 by distributing copies by hand or mail.

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