

## **DRINKING WATER WARNING**

### ***E. coli* MCL Violation**

The City of Langley Water System, ID 45950W, located in Island County is contaminated with *E. coli* bacteria.

*E. coli* bacteria were detected in the water supply on July 8, 2020. These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with compromised immune systems. Boiled or purchased bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

What should you do? **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil, for 1 minute, and let it cool before using. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

*E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

What happened? What is the suspected or known source of contamination?

**Routine monthly testing detected *E. coli* at a sample location on the western section of the water system. It was retested and confirmed positive.**

The following is being done to correct the problem:

**The City will increase the chlorination of water in the system. The City's wells and other locations have been tested and have come back negative. We will be testing 10 more sites throughout our distribution area in the next two days to confirm the positive tests were an isolated incident.**

We will consult with the State Department of Health about this incident. We will provide you notification when you no longer need to boil the water. We anticipate resolving the problem by July 10 2020.

For more information please contact: Stan Berryman, Public Works Director 360-221-4246  
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*Please share this notice 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.*

This notice is sent to you by the City of Langley Water System on July, 9, 2020