October 30, 2020

Silver Fork School Water Well System
Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria
Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

IMPORTANT: The well water at Silver Fork Elementary is not used for drinking. Students and staff use bottled water.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took 5 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during the month of October. Four (4) samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. 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.

- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding coliforms in the well water.

- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.
What happened? What is being done?

Well tested positive on October 13, 2020 for Coliform. The well system was serviced on 10/19/2020. The well water was than resampled. The well was chlorinated and we will continue to resample the well one to two times a week. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria is present. We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days.

For more information, please contact Scott Bunce at 530-644-5416.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [per Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).

- This notice is being sent to you by Scott Bunce, District M&O Lead.

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Pat Atkins, Superintendent