

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Monitoring Requirements Not Met for **The Mandala Center** Water

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 happened, what you should do, and what we are doing.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During February 2020, we did not complete all monitoring requirements for Total Coliform and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should you do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What does this mean?

Our water system is required by law to collect a monthly total coliform sample. During this reporting period, we did not collect the required sample.

What happened? What is being done?

The reason no sample was taken in February was that the well supplying water to the storage tank was not operating due to a faulty valve in the line that couldn't be fixed until the weather cleared and ground unfroze enough to allow digging. Fortunately, during that time there were no guests at The Mandala Center. We did fill the storage tank with water from the city of Des Moines courtesy of the Fire Department to have water for the office and director's residence. Our designated Water System operator indicated that a sample would not be appropriate.

The valve has been replaced and the system is now back to normal operation. The storage tank has been drained of the Des Moines City water and filled with water from our well. The scheduled sample for March will be taken and again there will be no guests at The Mandala Center, due to COVID-19, until probably June at the earliest.

Date that system collected next valid routine sample: 3/25/2020

(Note: A system will not return to compliance until a lab has analyzed a routine sample).

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