

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in Layton City Water

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 121 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during April 2021. 12 percent of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 5 percent of samples may do so.

These sample results indicate that our water system is in violation of the established drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what this means, what you should do, and what was done to correct this situation.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. 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 system's 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, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What was done to correct the situation?

- The distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples do not show presence of coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact the Layton City Water Department at 801-336-3720 or 1925 North Fort Lane, Layton, UT 84041.

Please share this information 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.

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