

DRINKING WATER WARNING
Fort Sumner Municipal Water System's MacMillian Well
Tested Positive for Fecal Indicator
BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

Our water system recently detected a fecal indicator *E. coli* in the MacMillian Well. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. On May 8, 2023 we collected samples from the MacMillian Well. The samples tested positive for *E. coli*.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for five minutes, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or 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.
- **Fecal indicators are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term health effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of 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 from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

The Village of Fort Sumner was notified on May 5th, 2023 of a positive *E. Coli* sample taken from the raw water supplied by the MacMillian Well. The Village immediately turned off the well and closed the well valve to the supply tank. The Village then solely utilized the Marez Well for source water to supply the residents of Fort Sumner and Valley MDWS. Additional sampling protocols were performed on the MacMillian Well May 8th, 2023 and another positive result was received. After identifying the source of contamination, MacMillian Well is currently undergoing disinfection and flushing protocols. When disinfection is complete, sampling will be done to ensure source water from MacMillian Well is no longer contaminated and will be successfully brought back online. The Village of Fort Sumner Municipal Water System is working alongside New Mexico Environmental Department Drinking Water Bureau to keep the Public safe and informed.

We will inform you when tests show no *E. coli* and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within approximately two weeks.

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General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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