

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

DEFICIENCIES IN ROUTINE MONITORING PERIOD WATER SAMPLING

The Shorewood Water Works (aka Shorewood Public Works Department) routinely monitors for coliform bacteria on a monthly basis, per our EPA Operating Permit as a Public Water Supply (PWS). The Governing Agency that is responsible for operating and regulatory protocol for PWS in Illinois is the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). *As part of our operating protocol, each month we are required to collect fifteen (15) water samples for coliform testing from predetermined locations throughout the Village. We send these samples to a State Certified Lab for analysis. During the monitoring period of March 2021, we collected only fourteen (14) samples, one (1) less than the minimum required.*

Often, when a PWS has not met the required number of samples for a reporting period, or if samples happen to become damaged during transport to the lab, the lab notifies the Operator in Charge of the PWS prior to the end of the monitoring period so the deficiency can be corrected. In this particular case, we were not notified. The fourteen (14) samples that were analyzed for the monitoring period of March 2021 all showed acceptable results and no coliform present.

What should I do as a Resident?

You do **NOT** need to boil your water or take any other corrective actions.

What does this mean?

During the monitoring period of March 2021, there were no positive test for coliform in any of the fourteen (14) water samples collected. We were deficient one (1) water sample during the period.

What was done?

We have reviewed our sampling protocol with staff and our lab to help ensure this does not reoccur. We recently contracted lab testing services with a different lab and as part of this new contract, the lab offers an additional service referred to as “Watch Dog”, which provides our staff with alerts should there be any deficiencies during our sampling protocol.

For more information, or to learn more about protecting your drinking water, please contact Jacque Plese at (815)-553-2322 (x302).

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.

This notice is being sent by the Village of Shorewood Public Works Department.

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