

City of Cambridge

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DRINKING WATER WARNING

UPDATE 4/16/2020

System Name and PWS ID#: City of Cambridge, ID3440002

BOIL WATER ADVISORY

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This boil water advisory is not in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to Drop in Pressure

We routinely monitor the conditions in the drinking water distribution system. On **4/14/2020** we, the City of Cambridge, experienced a drop in water pressure below 20 psi due to a power outage/power surge tripping the main breaker in the electrical panel at Well #2, the City's main well. A drop in/loss of water pressure creates conditions that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system through backflow, by backpressure, or back-siphonage. As a result, there is an increased chance that the drinking water may contain disease-causing organisms. **The drop in water pressure below 20 psi occurred between 5am and 6am on 4/14/2020. The chances of a possible backflow condition occurring during this time of day is significantly reduced due to the low demand on the water system at that time of day. The City pulled a water sample from a home on N Central Blvd on 4/15/2020 at 9:45 am, and immediately drove it to Analytical Laboratories in Boise with a rush order. On 4/16/2020 the City received notice from the Lab that the water sample taken on 4/15/2020 showed an ABSENCE for Total Coliform and E. Coli.**

What should I do?

- **THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE NOW ADVISES THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS OR ARE AUTOIMMUNE-COMPROMISED THAT YOU CONTINUED TO BOIL YOUR WATER FIRST BEFORE DRINKING IT. All others may, if you so choose, continue to boil drinking water as a safety precaution until the City receives results on the water samples taken on 4/16/2020. Bring all water to a boil. Let it boil for one minute** 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.
- You may continue to use your water to wash your hands using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*
- The symptoms above are caused by many types of organisms. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What is being done?

As of 4/16/2020 the City has pulled 2 more water samples from areas in town that were known to have a loss in pressure and they have been driven to the lab for a rush analysis, which can take up to 30 hours for results. Also the City has an electrician that will be up on 4/17/2020 to inspect the main well electrical, generator and automatic transfer switch for problems and functionality, as well as other systems for the operation of the City's water system.

Attached to this notice is a copy of the water sample results from 4/15/2020.

We are flushing the lines to reduce the risk of possible contaminants and are increasing the chlorine dosing as a preventive measure. Also we will collect samples and send to the lab to check the water quality.

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within approximately 14 to 30 days.


For more information, please contact Corey Morgan, PWS at 208-257-3318, cell 208-570-1594 or cambridge@ctcweb.net or Sandra McKee at 208-257-3318 or cell 208-550-0591 or cityofcambridge@ctcweb.net

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 to you by The City of Cambridge.

PWS ID #: ID3440002. Date distributed: 4/17/2020

SAMPLE TYPE CODE S - Routine Sample P - Repeat sample (at original tap) E - Enforcement (chain of custody) U - Upstream repeat D - Downstream repeat X - Other Repeat W - Untreated V - Invalidated by Lab C - Construction / Special	ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, INC. ID00020 1804 N. 33rd Street Boise, Idaho 83703 1-800-574-5773 1-208-342-5515 www.analyticallaboratories.com
	X Public Water Supply Private Water Supply Other _____
NAME OF WATER SYSTEM CITY OF CAMBRIDGE	
COUNTY WASHINGTON	
PWS 3440002	
REPORT RESULTS TO: SANDRA MCKEE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE 80 S. SUPERIOR STREET PO BOX 220 CAMBRIDGE, ID 83610	
DATE RECEIVED 4/15/2020	
TIME RECEIVED 11:48	
DATE ANALYZED 4/15/2020	
TIME ANALYZED 14:10	
SEND ADDITIONAL COPIES TO: DEQ	
e-mail:	
IF RETEST, ORIGINAL SAMPLE DATE	
CHILLED 10 C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Phone (208) 257-3318 Ext Fax (208) 257-3304	
COLLECTED BY: C. MORGAN TRANSPORTED BY: C. MORGAN	
SAMPLE TYPE C	COLLECTION DATE/TIME 4/15/2020 9:45
Sampling Location LAB# 2016611 535 N. CENTRAL BLVD	
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TOTAL COLIFORMS SM 9223	
E. COLI SM 9223	
HPC SM 9215	
ABSENCE ABSENCE	

REMARKS: TR=1.4		ANALYST: TJR DATE PRINTED: 4/16/2020	
ANALYTICAL METHODS Total Coliforms SM 9222 Membrane Filter Technique, Parts 909 and 909A, Standard Methods....16th ed.,1985 SM 9221 Multiple Tube Fermentation, Parts 908 and 908A, and 908B, Standard Methods....16th SM 9223 MMO-MUG Test Per 40 CFR141.21(f)(3)(IV) Reported as per 100 mL Records shall be retained and destroyed in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.08 and 40 CFR 141.33. In general, records shall not be retained beyond prescribed retention times.		E. coli MUG Test Per 141.214(x)(7) and 40 CFR 141.21(f)(6)(III) HPC Pour Plate, Part 907, Standard Methods...., 16th ed., 1985 Reported as CFU/mL <div style="text-align: center;">  Brian McGovern Laboratory Supervisor </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> Date 4/16/2020 </div>	