Effective immediately, we are advising people consuming drinking water supplied by the Indian Hills Estates Water System that the water might not be safe for human consumption.

E. coli bacteria were detected in the water supply on October 16, 2020. These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil for one minute. Let it cool before using. Boiled or purchased 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.

*E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term 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.*

Note: The symptoms above are not only caused 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 about drinking water from their health care provider.

This advisory is issued because:

- Contaminants may have been drawn into the water system.

Follow-up will include:

- This morning an assessment of the water system was performed by State Certified Water Distribution Managers.
- This afternoon the water system will be disinfected to remove any potentially harmful bacteria.
- Early next week we conduct a Special Purpose Investigation with the Department of Health to ensure that safe and reliable drinking water is restored to you as soon as possible.
- All follow-up water samples must have satisfactory results before this advisory can be rescinded.

**This advisory will remain in effect until it is allowed to be rescinded by the Washington State Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water.**

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