

Lisbon Community Consolidated Grade School

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September 14, 2023

Good Afternoon Lisbon Families,

As you may recall, right before school started, a parent, who lives in town, contacted one of our teachers to tell her that the water at their house tested positive for E.coli and that she had a concern that the school's water may have it also. Out of an abundance of caution, we had bottled water for the kids and our cafeteria cooked with bottled water and used disposable plates. We did a quick water test that came back clean that week and we also did our regularly scheduled water test that week. We do water testing every three months and the test was due to be done approximately a week later so we went ahead and did the test that week. On Friday, August 18th, we had received verbal communication that our water was good but we kept our precautions in place until we received written confirmation on Tuesday August 22nd. That was followed up with a second letter from me.

This past Tuesday, September 12th, we had an unexpected visit from two members of the Kendall County Health Department. They told us that they received an anonymous phone call on Monday, September 11th, saying that Lisbon Grade School has had E.coli in our water for over a month and the caller wanted to know what the health department was going to do about it. As I spoke with the two people, I told them everything that we had done and one of them asked, "So, you have not had a positive test for E.coli?" I told her no. She also stated that she had seen our clear records in the state database and it sounded like we had gone above and beyond what was necessary but she still needed to run some tests. We, of course, obliged. I also, asked that if we had E.coli in our water, wouldn't we have a lot of people out sick? I was told yes. Today, we received the results from the tests that the health department conducted showing the results clear. I have attached these results (Which, for anyone who does not trust us, show they were collected and submitted from the health department) along with the letters that I posted August 16th & 22nd, as well as our results from the test we sent August 16th and our previous result from our May regular testing. Once again we will go back to our regularly scheduled testing every three months.

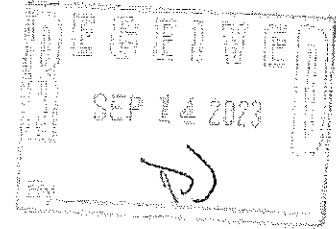
Please note, that whoever made the call, made a very false claim which is borderline slanderous and could be very dangerous. Additionally, this caused a disruption to the school day because Mrs. DeGraaf, who does and always has done, a great job with the water testing, had to be taken out of class to answer questions. False accusations like this of, essentially, fraud can be the type of thing that ends educators' careers.

Sincerely,



Bill Pender

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REPORT OF LABORATORY RESULTS

Submitter:
 KENDALL COUNTY HLTH DEPT
 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
 811 W. John Street
 YORKVILLE, IL 60560

Spec #: CE23008814
Collected By: ALEXIS WELCHKO
Date Collected: 09/12/2023 01:00 PM
Date Received: 09/13/2023 12:00
Report Status: Final

Mail To:
 LISBON GRADE SCHOOL
 127 S. CANAL ST. ATTN: CHRISTINE DEGRAAF
 NEWARK IL 60541

Source Name: LISBON GRADE SCHOOL IL3029207
Source Address: 127 S. CANAL ST,
 NEWARK, IL 60541

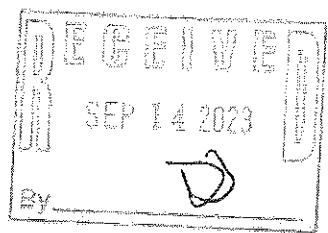
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Sampling Point: AT TAP (DS)
Remarks: PHONE 815-736-6324
Spec #: 3 COMP SINK
Sample Type: ROUTINE (RT)
Sample Chlorinated?: No
Sample Category: TC
For Compliance: Yes **Dechlor Bottle:** No

Specimen Number: CE2300881401
Method: Colilert P/A

<u>Analyte/Assay</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>	<u>Date Reported</u>
Total coliform	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	09/14/2023
E. coli	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	09/14/2023

Remarks:
 Received 9/14/23. Lauren Bellillo
 -Kendall Co. Health Dept.

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Spec #: CE23008812
Collected By: ALEXIS WELCHKO
Date Collected: 09/12/2023 01:05 PM
Date Received: 09/13/2023 12:00
Report Status: Final

Mail To:
LISBON GRADE SCHOOL
127 S. CANAL ST. ATTN: CHRISTINE DEGRAAF
NEWARK IL 60541

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Source Address: 127 S. CANAL ST,
NEWARK, IL 60541

Specimen Type: NonCommunity
Sampling Point: AT TAP (DS)
Remarks: PHONE 815-736-6324
Spec #: FOUNTAIN
Sample Type: ROUTINE (RT)
Sample Chlorinated?: No
Sample Category: TC
For Compliance: Yes **Dechlor Bottle:** No

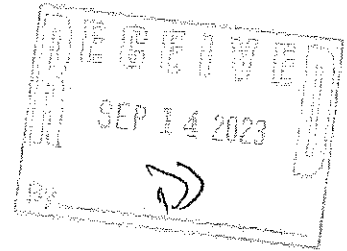
Specimen Number: CE2300881201

Method: Colilert P/A

<u>Analyte/Assay</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>	<u>Date Reported</u>
Total coliform	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	09/14/2023
E. coli	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	09/14/2023

Remarks:
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Spec #: CE23008813
Collected By: ALEXIS WELCHKO
Date Collected: 09/12/2023 01:10 PM
Date Received: 09/13/2023 12:00
Report Status: Final

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Source Name: LISBON GRADE SCHOOL IL3029207
Source Address: 127 S. CANAL ST,
NEWARK, IL 60541

Specimen Type: NonCommunity
Sampling Point: AT TAP (DS)
Remarks: PHONE 815-736-6324
Spec #: FACILITY (Faculty Lounge)
Sample Type: ROUTINE (RT)
Sample Chlorinated?: No
Sample Category: TC
For Compliance: Yes **Dechlor Bottle:** No

Specimen Number: CE2300881301

Method: Colilert P/A

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E. coli	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	09/14/2023

Remarks:
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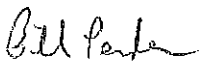
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August 16, 2023

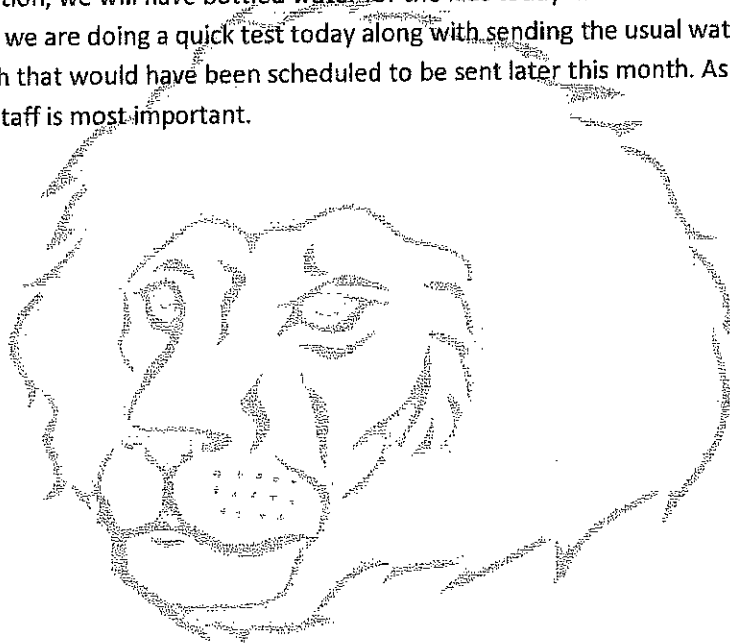
Good Morning Lisbon Families,

Yesterday, a parent, who lives in town, contacted one of our teachers to tell her that their water at home tested positive for E.coli and that she had a concern that the school's water may have it also. It's important to note that we test our water every three months and have been clean for over ten years, including the most recent test done in May. Out of an abundance of caution, we will have bottled water for the kids today and our cafeteria will be cooking with bottled water. Additionally, we are doing a quick test today along with sending the usual water test today to the Illinois Department of Public Health that would have been scheduled to be sent later this month. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is most important.

Thanks,



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August 22, 2023

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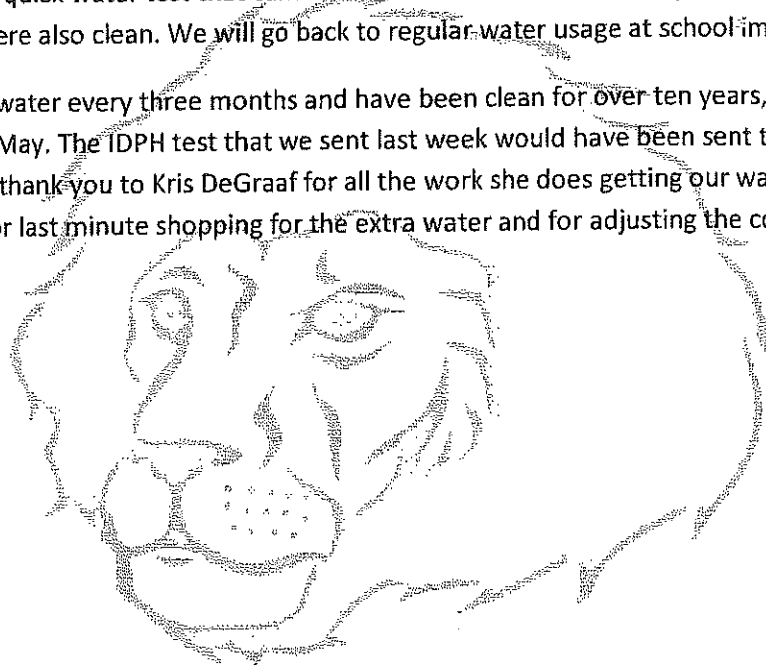
As you may recall, last week, a parent, who lives in town, contacted one of our teachers to tell her that the water at home tested positive for E.coli and that she had a concern that the school's water may have it also. Out of an abundance of caution, we had bottled water for the kids and our cafeteria cooked with bottled water and used disposable plates. We did a quick water test that came back clean last week and today we received our official results from the IDPH and those were also clean. We will go back to regular water usage at school immediately.

As a reminder, we test our water every three months and have been clean for over ten years, including the most recent test that had been done in May. The IDPH test that we sent last week would have been sent this week for our regular testing schedule. A special thank you to Kris DeGraaf for all the work she does getting our water tested on a regular basis and to Emma Smith for last minute shopping for the extra water and for adjusting the cooking and cleaning in the lunch room.

Thanks,



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Submitter:
IL DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH-WEST CHICAGO REGION
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, Barbara Omeara
245 W ROOSEVELT RD, BUILDING 5
WEST CHICAGO, IL 60185

Spec #: CE23008672
Collected By: K. DEGRAAF
Date Collected: 08/16/2023 12:00 PM
Date Received: 08/17/2023 12:00
Report Status: Final

Mail To:
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127 S. CANAL ST. ATTN: CHRISTINE DEGRAAF
NEWARK IL 60541

Source Name: LISBON GRADE SCHOOL IL3029207
Source Address: 127 S. CANAL ST,
NEWARK, IL 60541

Specimen Type: NonCommunity
Sampling Point: AT TAP (DS)
Remarks: PHONE # 815-736-6324
Spec #: KITCHEN
Sample Type: ROUTINE (RT)

Sample Category: TC
For Compliance: Yes **Dechlor Bottle:** No

Specimen Number: CE2300867201

Method: Colilert P/A

<u>Analyte/Assay</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>	<u>Date Reported</u>
Total coliform	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	08/18/2023
E. coli	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	08/18/2023

Remarks:

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WEST CHICAGO, IL 60185

Spec #: CE23004248
Collected By: KRISTINE DEGROAA
Date Collected: 05/24/2023 03:00 PM
Date Received: 05/25/2023 12:00
Report Status: Final

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Source Address: 127 S. CANAL ST,
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Specimen Type: NonCommunity
Remarks: PHONE 815-736-6324
Spec #: SAMPLE TAP
Sample Type: REPLACEMENT (O) **Reason for Replacement:** GREATER THAN 30 HOI
Sample Category: TC **Original Lab Sample #:** CE23004155
Dechlor Bottle: No

Specimen Number: CE2300424801

Method: Colilert P/A

<u>Analyte/Assay</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>	<u>Date Reported</u>
Total coliform	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	05/26/2023
E. coli	Not found per 100 ml	SATISFACTORY	05/26/2023

Remarks: _____

