

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## To all users of the Hyannis Water System located in Barnstable, Massachusetts

*This is an important notice - please translate it for anyone who does not understand English.*

**THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY.** The Hyannis Water System routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants to ensure the safety of the water supply. On Tuesday June 26, 2024, we were notified that a fecal indicator (E. coli) was detected in a raw water (untreated) sample collected on June 25, 2024 from the Mary Dunn #1 Well.

During normal operations, water from the Mary Dunn #1 Well is pumped from the ground and it is disinfected with chlorine to kill fecal indicators, including E. coli. The chlorinated water is delivered to you. Chlorinated water samples from the water distribution system were also collected on June 25, 2024. None of the chlorinated samples tested positive for E. coli. Only the untreated sample from the Mary Dunn #1 Well tested positive.

**This is not an emergency, you DO NOT need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

**This is not an emergency, you do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**

E. coli is a fecal indicator and it was detected in the raw water at the Mary Dunn #1 Well before treatment. Even though the well with the fecal indicator is treated and the treated water did not contain any fecal indicators, the well is no longer in use at this time. The USEPA requires us to provide you with this Notice and the following information on fecal indicators. *"Fecal indicators are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause 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 microbes that can produce these symptoms were not detected in the water after it was treated. Therefore these health risks are not present. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. 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.

### WHAT IS BEING DONE?

We continue to evaluate the situation including the following actions:

The *Mary Dunn #1 Well* was resampled today and removed from service as a precautionary measure and will not be placed back in service until approved by MassDEP.

*We have chlorinated the Mary Dunn #1 Well.*

We are in contact with MassDEP who is evaluating the actions we are taking to ensure safe water is being delivered to you. If a risk of contamination exists, you will receive additional notification.

This is NOT an emergency and you do not need to take corrective action.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: The Hyannis Water System, 47 Old Yarmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601, (508) 775-0063.

Website address: [www.town.barnstable.ma.us](http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us)

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