

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Monte Vista Christian School Water System Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We collect monthly samples to test for coliform bacteria, and the sample collected August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. A follow up round of samples was collected August 22<sup>nd</sup>, which confirmed the initial test. Disinfection work to remove the coliform bacteria, using chlorine, was completed on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this disinfection period you may notice chlorine taste and smell, which will dissipate after a few days.

#### What should you do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. **Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful** themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding coliforms in the drinking water.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

**What happened? What is being done?**

We believe that the cause of the bacteria detection could be related to the on-going construction work on the new performing arts building. Five bacteria samples were collected around the campus and only the one immediately downstream of the construction site, outside the Boys Dormitory, was found to be positive. To address this, we added chlorine disinfectant to the tank on August 23rd, which should spread through the system and kill any bacteria present.

Follow up testing is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>, at which time we believe the issue will have been resolved. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are present.

For more information call:

Water System Contact: **Fred Sosa** at **831-750-2578**

Water System Operator: **Weber, Hayes and Associates** at **831-722-3580**

*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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is provided by **Monte Vista Christian School (System # 4400754)**

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