



To: CAHAN San Diego Participants

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From: Public Health Services

Health Advisory: Boil Water Advisory for Contaminated Water Supply

Key Messages

- A Boil Water Advisory was issued on Thursday, August 24, 2023, for residents in the Silver Strand area of Coronado and Imperial Beach, and later expanded to include parts of San Diego's South Bay, due to the California American Water Authority detection of positive E.coli results found in the drinking water.
- No outbreaks or increase in syndromic surveillance of gastrointestinal-related chief complaints associated with contaminated water that led to the Boil Water Advisory have been reported to date in the County of San Diego.
- Healthcare providers should immediately report suspected outbreaks of disease to the Epidemiology Unit by faxing a [Confidential Morbidity Report](#) or by calling 619-692-8499 (Monday-Friday 8 AM-5 PM) or 858-565-5255.

Situation

On August 24, 2023, a [Boil Water Advisory](#) was issued due to bacterial contamination in the drinking water supply for portions of Imperial Beach, the City of Coronado south of Fiddler's Cove, and portions of the City of San Diego including Nestor and Otay Mesa West neighborhoods. The advisory alerted the public that the drinking water may pose a health risk. On August 26, 2023, the [advisory was lifted](#) after two separate negative tests and confirmation by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Background

While the Boil Water Advisory was lifted on Saturday, August 26, residents of the affected areas who may have ingested contaminated water may still be at risk for acute gastrointestinal illness. To date, no illnesses or outbreaks have been reported that are known to be associated with the contamination that led to the Boil Water Advisory. Outbreaks of any disease, however, continue to be reportable to the County of San Diego.

Actions Requested

1. **Sign up to receive messages and advisories** (e.g., boil water advisories) about your water via [AlertSanDiego](#) and your water supplier ([instructions on how to find your water supplier are available at this link](#)).
2. **Report** suspected outbreaks of disease to the Epidemiology Unit by faxing a [Confidential Morbidity Report](#) or by calling 619-692-8499 (Monday-Friday 8 AM-5 PM) or 858-565-5255 (after hours, during weekends, and on County-observed holidays).

Resources

- [Boil Water Advisory | CDC](#)
- [Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene \(WASH\)-related Emergencies & Outbreaks | CDC](#)
- [County of San Diego DEHQ | Information Regarding the Boil Water Advisories](#)

Thank you for your participation.

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