

February 11, 2020

Dear Parents and Staff:

The Readington Township School District is committed to protecting the health of our students, teachers, and staff. In late December 2019, the district informed the community that water from one of two wells servicing Readington Middle School tested positive for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria. The district immediately took proactive measures including providing bottled water to students, teachers, and staff, supplying an alternative water source to the kitchen for cooking and providing alternative lavatories. The district further shut off one well servicing the 8th Grade hallway at Readington Middle School.


The district, working in conjunction with the New Jersey DEP, identified potential causes of contamination including the penetration of localized ground water into the well through cracks inside underground pipe components between the well opening and the building. On January 17, 2020, the New Jersey DEP approved the district's remediation plan which included:

- analyzing the ultra violet system and filters from well to building to ensure working appropriately,
- excavating and inspecting the well casing to seal any cracks in welding allowing water penetration,
- inspecting the piping and connections to ensure proper alignment in order to prevent water penetration and provide better support for future ground settling,
- inspecting and replacing o-rings and couplings to prevent leaking and contamination,
- installing a new vented/lockable well cap,
- mounding of soil around the well casing to prevent surface water pooling,
- chlorinating the well and flushing chlorinated water through all plumbing components and fixtures inside the building with the intent to disinfect, and
- having water samples analyzed by independent third parties to verify no further contamination.

The district is pleased to announce that water samples have come back **negative for contamination**. Further, the New Jersey DEP has cleared the district to reopen the closed well. On Wednesday, February 12, 2020, Readington Middle School shall have full access to water in the building.

Please be assured that we take the health and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff very seriously. The district shall continue to monitor water in a manner approved by the State of New Jersey. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Don Race, Facilities Manager, at 908-534-2859.

Sincerely,



Jason M. Bohm
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary