

**From:** Mackey, Chip **On Behalf Of** DES: Drinking Water Monitoring  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2020 8:04 AM  
**Subject:** May Compliance Bacteria Drinking Water Monitoring during COVID-19

Hello,

You are receiving this email because your public water system (PWS) is scheduled to take a bacteria drinking water sample(s) this month and your PWS may or may not be serving water due to a COVID-19 pandemic shutdown.

If you have been or plan to be open and serving the public at any time during the month (even for one day): Please disregard this message and take your compliance drinking water samples as scheduled.

For those water systems that will not serve the public at all during the month;

- **NHDES strongly recommends that you monitor the water system as scheduled.**
- **This will maintain the PWSs readiness and allow you to reopen quickly when the time comes, knowing that all is OK with the water.**
- If you choose NOT to take or CANNOT take your scheduled bacteria sample(s) during this month;
  - o Respond to this email with your PWSID, Water System Name, your name and contact information on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.
  - o State in your email that you will not be taking the scheduled bacteria samples in **May**.
  - o We will adjust your schedule. You now have to take a routine bacteria sample in **June**.
  - o Failing to notify us will result in a monitoring and reporting violation requiring public notice being issued.
- **Please note:** If you do not sample this month, you will have to take your **June** routine bacteria sample to show satisfactory water quality prior to reopening.

If you own or operate a seasonal water system, scheduled to open for the season in **May**:

- **NHDES strongly recommends that you perform all of your seasonal startup procedures and take the scheduled samples so that you will be ready to open in a moment's notice when the time comes**
- If you chose to wait and open the water system at a later date
  - o Contact Amy Rousseau via email at [Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov](mailto:Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov) on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
  - o Provide your PWSID, Water System Name, your name, and contact information
  - o State in this email your new planned opening date
  - o We will adjust your schedule. You now have to take a routine bacteria sample in your planned opening month.
  - o You will have to perform your seasonal startup procedure at that time.

- Failing to do this will result in a violation requiring public notice being issued

**Please note:** You may still receive automated email reminders to take bacteria samples. You can ignore these if you have followed the guidance above.

Depending on the circumstances, you may receive the email above again and have to go thru this process in **June**.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all navigate these trying times. As always please contact us if you have any questions.

Take care and be well.

Chip

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