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August 16, 2018: Daily Update on the Parchment Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will provide a news release each day at 4:00 p.m. for the community with the latest information, and report on the daily activities surrounding the Parchment Water Response.

Water Distribution

The Water Distribution Center for the Parchment Water Response is changing location, dates, and times starting this Saturday, August 18. The Water Distribution Center will continue their normal operating hours today, August 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. The center will close on Friday, August 17, and residents will not be able to pick up water. The center will reopen Saturday, August 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Haven Reformed Church (5350 N. Sprinkle Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49004). New dates and hours moving forward will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Haven Reformed Church. Residents will be able to pick up additional cases of water due to the reduction of dates opened starting Saturday, August 18.

Residents will still be asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply at the new location. On-site recycling at Haven Reformed Church will be available for residents to return used water bottles.

The Water Distribution is relocating due to necessary preparations for the start of the upcoming school year at the high school.

Thursday, August 16
Parchment High School
12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 17
Closed

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Saturday, August 18

Haven Reformed Church (5350 N. Sprinkle Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49004)
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

New Dates & Times Moving Forward

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
Haven Reformed Church (5350 N. Sprinkle Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49004)
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On 08/15/18, 972 cases of water were distributed.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline has transitioned to weekday hours only from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 15, the Parchment Water Hotline responded to 35 calls.

Municipal Water Testing Update

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) continue to test and analyze the water flowing through the Parchment municipal water system for PFAS in addition to other water quality indicators prompted by the change to the City of Kalamazoo water supply. Out of an abundance of caution, MDEQ, MDHHS, and City of Kalamazoo Public Services are working to collect data, analyze and study water quality for all parameters to ensure compliance with the source water change and permanent construction. Current data trends are showing overall improvement but continued testing, data collection, and analysis are ongoing with a focus on protecting public health.



While good progress is being made, the Do Not Drink order remains in place for Parchment and Cooper Township homes and businesses connected to the municipal water system. The next round of testing results is due to be completed and analyzed on Monday, Aug. 20. Further updates will be provided next week regarding testing results, as well as information on when the Do Not Drink order could be lifted for Parchment and Cooper Township municipal water customers.

Private Residential Water Wells Testing Update

To date, the MDEQ has collected samples from 115 private residential wells and has received 102 of the sample results. Results from the private residential water wells will not be released to the public to protect the privacy of those residents. The primary focus of the emergency response team and MDEQ is to provide residents who may be affected with PFAS in their private residential water well with information, sample test results and next steps. Resources are being directed to this effort first. A request has been made for the development of additional items that could be released to the public. MDEQ is working on that request now, and it is anticipated that the information will be available as early as next week.

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