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DRINKING WATER WARNING

FOR PARENTS OF INFANTS 6 MONTHS AND YOUNGER

DO NOT USE THE WATER FOR INFANT FORMULA

High nitrate levels have been detected in drinking water samples from this location. Bottled water should be used for infants at Jarrettsville United Methodist Church.

Adults and children older than 6 months of age may drink the water.

A routine sample taken on May 26, 2016 showed a nitrate concentration in the drinking water supply of 11.5 mg/L. This is above the EPA maximum contaminant level for nitrates, which is 10 mg/L.

Possible Health Effects

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrates in excess of the maximum contaminant level could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Excessive nitrate levels may also affect the fetus of pregnant women. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Nitrates are a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can.

Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur in a child less than 6 months old, seek medical attention immediately.

If you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

For more information, please contact Evelyn McSorley at 410-692-5847.

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

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