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North Dakota Department of Health Offers Free Private Well Bacteriological Testing for Residents Affected by Flooding

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is offering free private well bacteriological testing for residents across the state affected by flooding.

After flood waters recede, residents concerned that their private wells have been flooded are advised to disinfect and flush their well and home plumbing system. (Directions are available at www.ndhealth.gov/flood.)

Following disinfection and flushing, residents may call the Division of Laboratory Services at 701.328.6272 to request a bacteriological sampling kit. The kit includes a specially-prepared container and instructions about how to collect and submit the sample to the laboratory for testing. Only samples collected using the kit can be tested. Residents must also use appropriate mail service to ensure that samples will arrive at the laboratory within 30 hours of collection; otherwise, the samples cannot be tested.

The Department of Health will notify residents regarding the test results.

Department of Health staff will be available to provide technical advice and assistance to residents should testing indicate bacteriological contamination.

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