Guidelines for Schools During a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

A school may continue to operate during the Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory if the following conditions are strictly adhered to:

During a drinking water advisory:
- Students and teachers should only consume water that is commercially bottled water or disinfected water.
- Disinfect water by
  - boiling at a rolling boil for one (1) minute or
  - distilling or
  - filtering through a reverse osmosis filter with an "absolute one micron" filter, that is operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and has a NSF 58 certification.
- Drinking fountains shall have the shut-off valves closed.
- Wash hands with soap and water, dry with paper towel, followed by the use of hand sanitizer.
- The hand sanitizer must be provided at all hand wash stations.
- Post notices stating that the water supplied is not potable. These are to be posted in obvious places and at every place at which water can be obtained.

- Disinfect dishes via dishwashing machines that have a final rinse that exceeds 82°C for 10 seconds, or a sanitizing rinse at an appropriate concentration.

Upon rescinding a drinking water advisory:
- Re-start and flush any water-using fixture or piece of equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. This may vary from fixture to fixture. Consult the manufacturer when re-starting the equipment.
- Run cold water faucets the first time for one (1) minute before using the water.
- Run drinking fountains the first time for one (1) minute before using the water.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Drain and refill hot water heaters set below 49°C.

You will be notified by the municipal office when the precautionary drinking water advisory has ended. Municipal officials will be cooperating with Ministry of Environment and Saskatoon Regional Health Authority to resolve water treatment problems.

For more information call Population and Public Health at 655-4605

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