



QUONONCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT

May 1 ,2020

Dear QCBFD,

Well #1 testing through April continues to consistently show total coliform bacteria present in the well water. Well #2, our high iron well, shows NO bacteria since October 2019 and our distribution system water, i.e. the water coming into your home, has remained free of coliform bacteria since November 2019.

In August we had E coli present in Well #2 but E coli has NEVER been in our distribution system nor in Well #1. Since October 2019 there has been NO E coli isolated from ANY water sample.

Nonetheless, we continue to remain on a RIDOH mandated Boil Water Advisory (BWA) and we foresee this will persist through the summer. As part of the negotiations we have just undertaken with RIDOH, they have required we repeat the BWA mandate and continue to do so every 90 days until the BWA is lifted.

Therefore please see the BWA Notice dated 5/1/2020 [here](#) which has been modified from the original BWA Notice dated 8/16/2019.

We have just received a clear mandate from RIDOH that we will be required to institute 4-Log chemical disinfection. We are in active negotiations to determine the exact sequence of events to assure that any agreement with RIDOH is in line with our unique technical requirements and in line with our Fire District Charter and By-law provisions.

As these negotiations proceed and we begin to obtain a clearer picture, the situation with RIDOH is quite fluid. More information will be made available and we fully expect there will be a "Town Hall" to update the community.

RIDOH makes it clear that it is the responsibility of the Public Water System, in this case Central Beach, and by extension EACH OF YOU, to notify guests or renters who utilize your property of the BWA.

I wish to acknowledge our Moderator Sue Wilson, who has been incredibly supportive and proactive, and the entire PW committee for their engagement, efforts, and help.

I personally thank the entire community for your understanding and patience.

Stay tuned, more to come.

**Vincent Reppucci
QCBFD PW Chair**