



## **QUONONCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT**

**August 15, 2019**

**Dear Greetings!**

**Our three routine monthly water samples taken Tuesday were ALL reported late yesterday afternoon to be positive for total coliform. These would be samples from Well #1, Well #2, and a distribution system sample taken from a residence. Repeat samples were taken today and the water system will be re-chlorinated as of noon today.**

**Rhode Island Department of Health is aware and we await if anything further is required as we underwent a Level 1 assessment just 2 weeks ago.**

**East Beach well #1 also tested positive for Total Coliform so we are thinking that the wet summer and recent rains are responsible.**

**Again, there is no need for a boil water situation as all the samples are negative for E. Coli.**

**You may note a taste of chlorine in the water later today and might consider using bottled water should you find that to be offensive. By Friday afternoon, the chlorine levels should be significantly lower.**

**Obviously, we are not happy with these recent test results and are hoping the repeat samples return more favorably. I do stress that while there is no health issue, immunocompromised individuals and neonates (young babies) may want to check with their physicians or use bottled drinking water for a few days.**

**I expect that RIDOH will have a more formal statement as to cause and what potential corrective actions, if any, are required and I will communicate that to the community as soon as I am made aware.**

**Thank you all for your understanding.**

**Vincent Reppucci  
QCBFD PW Chair**

