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Attached are the Public Drinking Water Supply Sampling Requirements and a calendar that outlines your quarterly sampling requirements.

Failure to collect and submit samples in these quarters will result in District Health Department No. 4 (DHD4) contacting you for establishing an alternative for meeting these sampling requirements. Under the Revised Total Coliform Rules (RTCR) a single violation (failure to monitor) will result in needing to submit an immediate make-up sample upon notification of violation. Then a minimum of 7 days later, a second sample must be submitted. This second sample will be considered your routine quarterly sample. This change strengthens the need to assure compliance with all monitoring for the public water supply at your facility.

Please save the attached calendar and sampling requirements below. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact us or visit our website at www.dhd4.org.

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

BACTERIA:

1 sample must be collected in EACH Quarter.

1 Sample in **Quarter 1 = January, February, or March**
1 Sample in **Quarter 2 = April, May, or June**
1 Sample in **Quarter 3 = July, August, or September**
1 Sample in **Quarter 4 = October, November, or December**

You will have 4 bacteria samples total for the year. Each water sample should fall within a month corresponding with a quarter of the year.

As long as each sample comes back as "ND" or "Not Detected", there will be no further action by you. If there is ever a positive sample, additional sampling will be required.

PARTIAL CHEMICAL:

1 sample must be collected ONCE PER YEAR.

The Partial Chemical/Nitrate sample needs to be collected once each year and can be taken during ANY month of the year. As long as the levels are under the required limits, no multiple samples need to be taken.

**Please see the attached Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory calendar for holidays or closures that may limit the days samples are accepted.*
**They will accept water samples for analysis Monday - Thursday.*
**Be sure to include the Water Supply Serial Number (WSSN) on water sample request forms.*
**Please call the Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory at 989-732-1794 should you have any questions or concerns whether they are open and accepting samples.*