



# JOHNSTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## **Boil Water Notice due to E. coli presence or a “Do Not Drink” order for Long Term Care Facilities:**

If a Boil Water Notice due to the presence of E. coli or other contaminants, or a “Do Not Drink” order is issued then extra precautions must be taken in order to safely continue to operate:

### **-Ice and soda machines:**

Turn off the ice and soda machine and Discard all ice in the ice bin that could have been made from water during the water incident. Use bagged ice from an approved source.

### **-Beverages:**

Use bottled drinks and bottled water for beverages only. Do not consume the water under a Boil Water Notice or “Do Not Drink” order. The Back Up Emergency water supply should be used during this time. The facility should have a supply of 2 liters per person/per day on site for use.

### **-Food Preparation:**

Discontinue all food preparation and serve only pre-packaged foods obtained from an approved source. If foods must still be prepared in the facility, use foods that require minimum handling or processing such as: canned vegetables and fruit, prewashed fruits and vegetables, precooked meats or ready to cook meats. If water must be used to cook then bottled water should be used.

### **-Handwashing:**

Employees must still wash their hands. Hands should be washed using boiled or bottled water. An alternative handwash station should be set up at the handwash sink so that water that has been boiled or bottled can be used. Use hand sanitizer in addition to the handwashing. Every effort should be made to use a clean gloved hand or utensil to handle all foods with.

### **-Bathing:**

Bathing is not recommended during this time.

## **When the Boil Water Notice or “Do Not Drink” order has been lifted:**

### **-Water Lines:**

All water lines to and in the building must be flushed. Run the water at all taps for at least 5 minutes each. Run the dishwasher through a few cycles prior to using.

### **-Ice:**

Once the ice machine is turned back on, the first 24 hours of ice made should be disposed of. Clean and sanitize all ice bins. Replace all filters that may be installed on the ice or soda machine.