

September 22, 2022

Dear Plainville Families,

The Plainville Public Schools has been informed that the Town of Plainville is currently under a **boil water advisory**, per recommendation of the state Department of Environmental Protection. The advisory was issued after routine water samples in the Town's water system tested positive for E. coli.

The boil water advisory went into effect today at 10 a.m. and will be in place until the DEP is satisfied with additional sampling coming back negative. It is important to note that **the Town is not currently under a boil water order**; it is an advisory from DEP and steps being taken are precautionary at this time.

Our district has been in constant communication with officials from the Town of Plainville since the boil water advisory went into effect today, and we have been following the guidance that has been offered by state and local experts.

Schools will remain open as scheduled during the boil water advisory, and during this time students and staff may bring in water bottles for drinking. Water bottles will also be provided by the district at each school; even if students brought their own water from home, we are offering bottled water for their consumption at school. Both breakfast and lunch will be served at each school as normal, and our food service director and staff are informed of the situation and are taking any necessary precautions. Bathrooms will remain open; at the present time, we have placed hand sanitizer in the classrooms and students are being advised to hand-sanitize upon their return from the bathrooms.

The water kiosk in North Attleboro is available and open to Plainville residents. The Town of Plainville is setting up a water bottle pickup location at the DPW Yard at 29 West Bacon Street, which will be available from 3-7 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow and each day until the boil water advisory is lifted.

We strongly encourage all members of the school community to refer to the Town's website (www.plainville.ma.us) for additional information on what actions they should take for the boil water advisory.

Families are welcome to contact their building principal or the superintendent's office should they have any additional questions. We will continue to work with the Town as the situation progresses and we thank you for your understanding. Likewise, I need to express gratitude to our custodians, principals, nurses, and our faculty/staff members (and our students!) for their flexibility and assistance today.

Truly,
Jennifer Parson