

# News for Group B Owners and Operators

Winter 2024



COLIFORM BACTERIA ANALYSIS FORM		
Date Sample Collected / / Month Day Year	Time Sample Collected : : AM PM	County
Type of Water System (check only one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Group A <input type="checkbox"/> Group B <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Group A and Group B Systems – Provide from Water Facilities Inventory (WFI): ID# _____ System Name: _____		
Contact Person: Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____ Eve. Phone: _____		
Send results to: (Print full name, address and zip code or e-mail) _____ _____		
SAMPLE INFORMATION		
Sample collected by (name): _____		
Specific location where sample collected: _____	Special instructions or comments: _____	
Type of Sample (check only one box) 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Distribution Sample 2. Repeat Sample (after unsat. routine) Chlorinated: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution System Chlorine Residual: Total _____ Free _____ Unsatisfactory routine lab number: _____		

## Make sure your sample counts!

Complete all the boxes on the form and be sure to:

- Mark Group B.
- Include both your system name and ID.
- Mark Routine Distribution Sample unless you are following up on an unsatisfactory, then mark Repeat.

The Lab sends us results within 30 days.

## What happens if your well suddenly runs dry?

Over time wells may produce less water. You may notice this more in late summer. We help a handful of well owners replace their wells every year.

Take these steps if your well is dry:

- Hire a well driller or pump professional to look at your well. They can help you determine if other problems exist before you need to drill a replacement well.
- Consider adding water storage instead of drilling a well. A water system engineer can help you decide this. Don't forget to ask your engineer to submit their plans for Health Department approval.
- If you need a new well, apply for a replacement well at [tpchd.org/individualwells](http://tpchd.org/individualwells). We will work with you to get you a permit quickly.

Questions? Contact us at [EHDDrinkingWater@tpchd.org](mailto:EHDDrinkingWater@tpchd.org).



## PFAS and Group B wells

Have you heard about the new water contaminants called PFAS?

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals—which include perfluorooctyl sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

Do you wonder what it means for Group B water system regulations? Read some frequently asked questions.

### **Will we need to test for it?**

No. PFAS is not a regulated contaminant for Group B water systems.

### **Which areas with PFAS should I be concerned about?**

View Washington State Department of Health's PFAS Testing Results Dashboard at [doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/pfas/dashboard](https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/washington-tracking-network-wtn/pfas/dashboard).

This tool can show you PFAS results from drinking water testing in our state. Compare your location with nearby results.

For more information visit [doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/contaminants/pfas](https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/contaminants/pfas).

## Drinking Water Staff

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## Update us when your manager changes.

Let us know right away if your manager changes.

Email us at [EHDrinkingWater@tpchd.org](mailto:EHDrinkingWater@tpchd.org).

Or note a change of manager on your annual water system permit invoice.



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