



DHD#10 PROMOTES EGLE PRIVATE WELL TESTING PROGRAM

September 6, 2023 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is announcing that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has free Private Residential Well Testing.

"These free well water testing kits are a great opportunity for our residents to make sure their water is safe for consumption," said DHD#10 Health Officer Kevin Hughes.

The free test kits are available to anyone that requests one through EGLE's online portal and are for private wells only. The free test kits are not available if your water supply is served by, or serves, a public water supply.

Test kit shipping is free to residents and includes prepaid UPS return shipping. After requesting a test kit, they will be sent directly to the resident with instructions. Once the sample is received, the analysis will be completed and results sent back to the resident, DHD#10, and EGLE.

The water testing checks for the standard water quality parameters, including coliforms; nitrate, nitrite, fluoride, chloride, sulfate, sodium, hardness, and iron levels; and various metals. Additional parameters may be added in the future. At this time, PFAS testing is not included. If you are unsure what your well should be tested for, please contact your local DHD#10 Environmental Health Sanitarian, local office numbers can be found here: https://www.dhd10.org/clinic-locations/.

To order your free well water testing kit, or to learn more about well water testing, please visit: <u>https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/drinking-water-and-environmental-health/water-well-construction/private-well-testing</u>.

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