

*E. coli* bacteria found in Village of Jordan water

## **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

**Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health.** Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills most bacteria and other organisms in the water.

This Boil Water Notice applies to customers served by Village of Jordan water.

### **What Happened?**

*E. coli* bacteria were confirmed in the drinking water on October 27, 2018. One of the two routine monthly samples collected on October 24 was positive for total coliform bacteria. The three repeat samples collected on October 26 all showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. Two of the three repeat samples were also positive for *E. coli*.

The New York State Department of Health considers any confirmed *E. coli* positive sample as a public health hazard and a violation of drinking water standards.

*The presence of Escherichia coli (E. coli) bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Harmful microbes in these wastes, including E. coli, can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. These may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by harmful microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### **What is being done?**

The Village of Jordan is aggressively flushing water system-wide to increase chlorine residuals. They will also be conducting additional bacteriological sampling. **You will be informed when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water.**

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next 5 days until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

### **For more information, please contact:**

Patrick Byrnes of the Village of Jordan at 315-952-4292 or the Onondaga County Health Department at 315-435-6600.

*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*