

Memorandum

To: Media Release
From: Jeff Mansfield, City Manager; George Holzworth, WTP and Water System Operator
CC: Mayor Dave Tossava
Date: December 27, 2018
Re: Positive Test Result - Legionella

On December 27, 2018, the City of Hastings was informed by representatives from Pennock Health – Spectrum that the water in the distribution system at Spectrum Health – Pennock Hospital had tested positive for the presence of the Legionella bacteria. Please be aware that the City of Hastings has no reason to believe that this bacteria originated from, or is present in, the City's public drinking water supply. The City of Hastings tests the water in the City's water distribution system daily and at other intervals in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Public Health. Recent tests have not indicated the presence of any contaminants in the City's drinking water. Further, the City's drinking water system is isolated from the water system at the hospital facility by devices that allow the water to travel only one-way - into the facility. This protects the City's drinking water supply from any contaminants that could possibly originate at the hospital. We will continue to work closely with Spectrum Health – Pennock and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department as they investigate this matter.