

Gothenburg Public Schools Safety Plan During "Boil Water" Notice

Purpose:

This safety plan outlines the procedures and precautions to be followed by all staff while Gothenburg remains under a "boil water" notice due to E. coli concerns.

1. Water Distribution:

- **Drinking Water:**

All drinking water will be supplied via bottled water. Jesse Kincheloe will coordinate the distribution of bottled water to classrooms.

- **K-6 Classrooms:** Water donations should be left by the entry doors of each building or can be taken to their homeroom.
- **7-12 Classrooms:** Water donations should be taken to the Swede Foundations classroom.
- **Bulk Donations:** Larger quantities of water should be directed to Jesse Kincheloe, who will arrange for storage and distribution from a central location.

2. Water Fountains:

All water fountains have been covered and will remain inaccessible until the "boil water" notice is lifted and the water system is deemed safe.

3. Restrooms and Handwashing:

- **Handwashing Procedure:**

Staff and students should use tap water and soap for handwashing to deal with visible contamination. After washing with soap and water, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be used as additional protection against E. coli. Teachers, please utilize the hand sanitizers that you have in your classroom to place in the restroom and your classroom.

4. Lunchroom Operations:

- **Lunchroom Closure:**

Per recommendations from Lunchtime Solutions' regulatory groups, the kitchen will be closed until further notice. Their safety team is requiring the kitchen be sanitized and flushed completely before their operations resume.

- Staff and students should plan to bring sack lunches; breakfast will not be served. Milk will be provided free of charge.
 - A small number of sack lunches will be available in the concessions stand fridge as we cannot access kitchen fridges until they get clearance from their safety team. These lunches are for those who forget or do not have the ability to bring a lunch. Please feel free to grab what you need. We are working on sourcing additional options for later this week but at this time, our items consist of an Uncrustable, GoGo Squeeze, and a milk.
- Lunch will still be in the cafeteria.

- **Open Campus:**

Students in grades 9 through 12 have the option to leave campus during the lunch period but must be cognizant of their driver's license restrictions. Parents are asked to visit with their child about what they feel is appropriate regarding noon-hour transportation. Students who are tardy after lunch will be assigned detention.

5. Non-Instructional Staff Instructions (i.e. those who don't have a homeroom at 8AM):

- **Meeting Time and Location:**

All non-instructional staff should report to the back of the PAC at 8:15 a.m. on Monday for further instructions from Jesse Kincheloe regarding their roles in water distribution.

6. Attendance and Communication:

- **Attendance Policy:**

Attendance during the "boil water" notice is discretionary. Parents who are not comfortable sending their children to school may list their absence as "parent request." However, students will be responsible for making up any missed work.

7. Follow-Up and Updates:

- **Clearance Procedures:**

Once the "boil water" notice is lifted, all faucets and water fountains will need to be flushed by running water for a minimum of ten minutes to clear the old water from the pipes.

- **Teachers:** If you have running water in your classroom, please ensure this takes place once the notice is lifted.
- **Custodians:** Please plan to flush all water fountains and change filters once the notice is lifted. Additionally, please plan to flush all rooms with running water that are not assigned a teacher (i.e. teacher's lounge, restrooms).
- **Culligan:** Culligan will come to flush these systems as soon as the notice is lifted. We will let you know when this water is safe to drink.

Appreciation for Cooperation:

We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation as we implement these safety measures. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.