

## **Public Health Advisory**

## **Boil water advisory for Sanikiluaq**

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*E. Coli* bacteria has been detected in two locations in Sanikiluaq. As a precaution, all residents of Sanikiluaq must boil their water before consumption until further notice.

All water for consumption must come from the reverse osmosis taps that have been installed in your household and be brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of one full minute. Store-bought water is also safe to drink.

It is essential that all water be boiled for the following uses:

- drinking
- preparing infant formulas
- preparing juices and ice cubes
- washing fruits and vegetables
- cooking
- brushing of teeth

Water can be boiled either in a pot or kettle on a stove, or in an electric kettle without an automatic shut-off.

Residents are advised not to drink water from regular taps even when boiled, due to high sodium concentration levels.

The Department of Health is working with the Department of Community and Government Services to investigate this matter, and conduct additional water tests.

Residents can contact Gary Nelson for information at 867-645-6660.

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