

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Nitrate, Nitrite or Total Nitrate & Nitrite Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceedance

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

**PADRES DE FAMILIA CON BEBES DE SEIS MESES DE EDAD Y MENORES, NO USEN
EL AGUA PARA PREPARAR ALIMENTOS PARA BEBES.**

**ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE
ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.**

Littlestown Borough Water Authority has high levels of nitrate.

Sample results received April 28, 2026 showed nitrate levels of 21.5mg/l. This is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS. *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.* Blue- baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.

Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.

DO NOT BOIL THE WATER. Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water. Nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can. However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We'll let you know when the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.

During DEP required quarterly sampling one of our wells was tested for Nitrate and the results were above acceptable limits. This well was shut down immediately after the lab reported the results to the authority.

Further sampleing of this well is being conducted and corrective actions to follow once the samples are analyzed, until then the well will remain offline. Not providing water to the distribution until the proper corrective actions have been taken.

We anticipate resolving the problem by May 15 2026.

For more information, please contact: Charles Kellar
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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received 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.

This notice is being sent to you by Littlestown Borough Water Authority.