



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Re: Actions for Reopening a Public Water Supply  
After a Long Shut Down  
**IN2450037 Goodfellas**

Below is a list of IDEM recommendations and requirements for a Public Water Supply system before reopening after being closed for a period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Studies show that water will become stagnant after seven to nine days of standing still. *If you have any questions please contact your IDEM Field Inspector Kevin Gaughan at (219) 713-3428.*

Recommended actions:

- Visually inspect system components to be sure all components are intact
- Flush building piping systems thoroughly
- Check if well and pump are operating correctly
- See if all valves, gauges and controls are working properly
- Ensure system is fully pressurized (at least 20 psi) and not leaking
- Make sure all treatment equipment is operating correctly (*if applicable*)
- Inspect/change inline filters, regenerate softeners, chlorine residual, etc. for any treatment that applies
- Make sure storage tanks are sealed, not leaking, and in working order
- Collect a special purpose total coliform sample from the farthest point in the distribution system. Submit the results of the sample to IDEM.
- Optionally chlorinate the well and distribution system

Required action:

- Your estimated reopen date is June 4, 2020. Please notify the IDEM Compliance Section at [dwbmgr@idem.in.gov](mailto:dwbmgr@idem.in.gov) **if that date changes**, so we can adjust your requirements accordingly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kevin Gaughan, Field Inspector



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