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## Follow-Up Water Quality Testing Confirms All Samples Safe – No Health Concern

NEW BERLIN, WI - On August 15, 2025, the City of New Berlin issued a press release regarding a routine water sample collected on August 13, 2025, that tested positive for total coliform bacteria. The bacteria detected were **not E. coli**, meaning there was no health risk under state and federal guidelines.

Following Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) standards, the Water Utility immediately collected three repeat samples from the original site and nearby locations. **All three repeat samples tested safe**, indicating that the initial positive result was likely a false positive. False positives can occasionally occur during water sampling and testing, and do not indicate an ongoing water quality issue.

Per the DNR: *“Detection of total coliform bacteria without E. coli does not indicate a health risk. The utility followed all required procedures, including immediate re-testing, and those results confirm there is no issue with the water system.”*

**Your water remains safe to drink and use.** The City of New Berlin will continue its routine monthly sampling program at 30 locations throughout the water service area to ensure quality meets all state and federal standards.

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