

Guidance for Water System Operators Conducting Chlorine Residual Testing during COVID-19

Please find attached summary information on Water and Wastewater systems and Covid-19 prepared by Water Research Australia.

Advice to community water system operators for chlorine residual testing:

1. As much as practical, test/take samples from public buildings instead of private residences (examples: town hall, store)
2. If you usually take chlorine residuals from inside a person's homes, contact the home owner first. If anyone in the home is in self-isolation, do not enter the home.
3. If the home owner is not in self-isolation, ask permission to enter to test/take samples. If the home owner refuses, try another location. If the home owner gives permission, you may enter to test/take samples, but practice social distancing (keep 2 meters apart from other people). No additional personal protective equipment is required if the residents are not in self-isolation at this time.
4. Wash your hands frequently or use alcohol-based hand rub when soap and water is not available.
5. If seasonal conditions permit, test/take samples from an outdoor tap rather than from inside a private residence.

If you have questions or concerns about Covid-19 and the operation of your public drinking water system, feel free to contact the Water Resources Management Division at this email: WaterAndSewer@gov.nl.ca

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