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### **Boiled Water Order Continues in Effect for Alamosa**

**Alamosa CO** — Late Tuesday, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment received results of water sampling in Alamosa performed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that showed the presence of Giardia and Cryptosporidium, two parasites that also can cause diarrheal illness. These samples were drawn by CDC before the water system was flushed and disinfected.

Now, based on these lab results from the CDC, post-flushing water sampling is needed to confirm that the Giardia and Crypto have been eliminated from the water. Water samples were taken today by the state's Water Quality Control Division to test for these organisms.

Once confirmatory testing shows the water is suitable for drinking, the state's boil order will be lifted. Lab results are not expected on the latest samples until sometime this weekend at the earliest.

Previous post-flushing sampling for salmonella all came back negative for the organism.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were 389 total cases of salmonella, with 107 of these culture-confirmed and 16 hospitalized.

For more information, please call the CO-Help line at 1-877-462-2911, which is staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p. m. or visit [www.CityofAlamosa.org](http://www.CityofAlamosa.org) or watch Cable Channel 10.

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