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GUIDANCE DURING ALAMOSA WATER FLUSH

The following information is applicable from the beginning of the flush until public notification is received stating that the Alamosa City water supply is safe to be used.

RETAIL FOOD/WHOLESALE FOOD MAUFACTURERS

- Commercial food preparation can be done following guidelines provided by the public health agency. This includes using bottled water for the following activities during the flush:
 - drinking
 - food preparation/inclusion in recipes
 - vegetable and fruit washing
 - manual utensil and equipment washing, rinsing and sanitizing
 - wiping cloth solutions
 - making ice cubes
- Handwashing with bottled water and soap is required, followed by use of hand sanitizer. (do not touch food with bare hands, use disposable gloves)
- The use of commercial heat sanitizing warewashing machines during the flush will adequately sanitize utensils with the required final rinse temperature of 180°F.
- If a commercial heat sanitizing warewashing machine is not available for washing dishes, single-service plates and utensils must be used.
- The use of commercial chemical sanitizing warewashing machines during the flush is **not** approved.
- Do not use pop machines, coffee makers, dispenser “guns” in bar facilities, hot chocolate/cappuccino machines, produce misters and ice machines directly plumbed to the water source.
- Bottled and canned beverages can be used as a substitute.
- Purchase packaged potable ice.
- Ice machines should be disconnected in order to allow the ice to drain off.
- Consider limiting or reducing menu offerings during this time period to easily prepared items.

- Consider using prepared food from an alternative approved source.
- Consider using prepackaged foods that do not require any additional preparation other than heating in its original container.
- Consider using frozen/canned produce.

CHILD CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOLS

- Drinking fountains should not be used.
- Water for handwashing in childcare centers and schools shall be bottled. It is recommended to follow handwashing with use of a hand sanitizer.
- Bottled water must be used to mix infant formula.
- Bottled water must be used to mix sanitizing solutions for diapering areas and surfaces such as toys and tabletops.
- Discontinue use of water playtables.
- Use the guidance listed above for all food preparation and handling.

SWIMMING POOLS, HOT TUBS AND SPAS

- Pools that are operated properly, including monitoring the pool for adequate disinfection levels, may be allowed to continue operating during the flush. CDPHE Water Quality Control Division should be contacted for guidance.