
To:	General Practices, Pharmacists, After-Hours Centres and Emergency Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa regions
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Title:	Public Health Alert: Water Contamination Martinborough Supply

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Water Contamination Martinborough Supply

KEY POINTS

- A Boil Water Notice has been issued for the Martinborough Water Supply on 1st February 2019.
- To date no illness has been associated with the low level of contamination detected but there is the potential for people to present with concerns regarding having consumed the water.
- If people present with gastroenteritis symptoms follow usual procedures i.e. request a specimen if diarrhoea is persistent. Please note on lab form if they have consumed Martinborough water in the last week on January.
- If you are seeing more gastroenteritis cases than expected for this time of the year, a cluster of illness in friends or family, please ring Regional Public Health 04 570 9002 to discuss.