
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 Opaki Supply

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Water Contamination Opaki Supply

KEY POINTS

- A Boil Water Notice has been issued for the Opaki Water Supply (Community Supply north of Masterton) on 18 November 2020 following detection of microbiological contamination in the supply from a sample taken 15 November 2020.
- To date we have not identified any elevated levels of illness associated with the contamination detected in the water supply.
- If people present with gastroenteritis symptoms follow usual procedures i.e. request a specimen if diarrhoea is persistent. Please note on the lab form if they have consumed water from the Opaki supply, or water from the Manuka Street water fountain in Masterton, during the previous two weeks.
- If you are seeing more gastroenteritis cases than expected for this time of the year, or a cluster of illness in friends or family, please ring Regional Public Health 04 570 9002 to discuss.