



# Coliform Information Packet

We developed the Coliform Information Packet (331-258) to help you better understand total coliform bacteria, what it is, how to test for it, and what to do if you find it in your water supply.

You will also learn about the coliform monitoring requirements and different types of violations. All Group A water systems are required to prepare a Coliform Monitoring Plan and a guideline in this packet will help with that.

You can get an electronic version of this packet at [www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Coliform/coliform\\_info.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Coliform/coliform_info.htm)

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## **Public notification form**

You must use the *Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level Exceeded: Nonacute MCL* form (331-263) to provide public notice to your customers if you have a nonacute MCL violation.

You may revise the form, but you must **KEEP** all the information in italics. Type or hand write information on the form. Then photocopy the completed notice and distribute to your customers. The Spanish version of the public notification is on the back of the form.

You must complete the bottom section of the form and mail it, as well as a copy of the notice that you distribute, to us within 30 days of notifying your customers of a nonacute MCL violation. This is certification that you provided notification to your customers.

## **For more information**

Most of our publications are online at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/default.htm>

If you have questions, call our regional offices at:

**Eastern Region:** Spokane Valley (509) 329-2100

**Northwest Region:** Kent (253) 395-6750

**Southwest Region:** Tumwater (360) 236-3030

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