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TO: Local Public Health Agencies

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SUBJECT: **Water testing handling fee to be reinstated**

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The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) has worked together with local public health agencies and Missouri citizens to provide prompt bacteriological water testing in response to statewide flooding that occurred in 2019. During this effort, the Department of Health and Senior Services waived the \$10 handling fee associated with private drinking water analysis in order to ensure potentially contaminated water sources could be evaluated. The handling fee will be reinstated on March 2, 2020. **Beginning March 2, 2020, all private water samples received at the MSPHL for bacteriological testing will require the normal \$10 handling fee in order to be approved for testing.**

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