



Amy Smith, Superintendent

September 17, 2021

Dr. Jason Glass
Commissioner of Education
300 Sower Blvd, 5th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner,

The Hopkins County Board of Education would like to request a School Emergency Day Waiver for Thursday, September 16, 2021 due to E. Coli detected in the Madisonville water system which resulted in a city-wide boil water advisory. The following schools were impacted: Grapevine Elementary School, Jesse Stuart Elementary School, Pride Elementary School, West Broadway Elementary School, Browning Springs Middle School, James Madison Middle School, Madisonville North Hopkins High School, Hopkins County Career and Technology Center, and Hopkins County Day Treatment. Allowing students to attend school in these conditions without access to sanitary water would have been a health risk. Attached, you will find a copy of the local board order and an article from the local newspaper that explains the incident. We appreciate your consideration. Please let us know if you need additional information or if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

John Osborne
Hopkins County Schools, Board of Education Chairperson

Amy Smith
Hopkins County Schools, Superintendent

Enclosures

BREAKING

TOP STORY

Boil water advisory issued for all of Madisonville, all city schools canceled tomorrow

Matt Hughes

Sep 15, 2021

E. Coli detected in the Madisonville water system has resulted in a city-wide boil water advisory for tonight, Wednesday, September 15, and forced Hopkins County Schools to cancel classes on Thursday, September 16 at all facilities located in the city of Madisonville.

The city reported at around 4:00 p.m. that Total Coliform and E. Coli were first detected on Tuesday and a localized advisory was issued at that time. On Wednesday, the advisory was extended to include all of Madisonville.

The city says boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, brushing teeth, making ice, washing dishes and preparing food. Officials state the issue should be corrected within 24 hours.

Schools affected by the cancelation for tomorrow include:

Grapevine Elementary School, Jesse Stuart Elementary School, Pride Elementary School, West Broadway Elementary School, Browning Springs Middle School, James Madison Middle School, Madisonville North Hopkins High School, Hopkins County Career and Technology Center, and Hopkins County Day Treatment. This is not an instructional day and students will not be learning virtually.

All other schools will be in session tomorrow as scheduled.