

Joint Public Service Announcement

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The Kendall County Health Department (KCHD) is reporting 971 cases of coronavirus (COVID19), 671 in-recovery and deaths remain at 22.

[Kendall County Health Department COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
[Kendall County Health Department COVID19 Information Page](#)

Together, the Kendall County Board and the Health Department want to share some health tips related to private water well safety.

Thousands of homes across Kendall County utilize private water wells to supply clean water for drinking, cooking and bathing. These water wells tap underground aquifers, hundreds of feet beneath the surface to meet the water needs of homes and businesses. In order to keep them functioning properly, they need to be protected and inspected periodically. There are a number of things you can do on your own to ensure your well supply is as safe as possible, including conducting a routine well check up following these steps:

- ◆ Ensure the well cap and casing are in good condition with no breaks or cracks. Caps should be snug and secure. If there's a vent screen (often a screen underneath the cap), make sure this is secure. Ensure the well head is not damaged during lawn mowing. These steps will protect from rain or animal or insect intrusion.
- ◆ Ensure that the well head area is protected. Keep hazardous chemicals at least 50 feet away, keep at least 50 feet between your well and kennels or livestock operations and don't park vehicles above or very near the well. This step can prevent chemical or animal waste intrusion into the well.
- ◆ Keep well records in a safe place. These should include a well construction report, a location map and driller information. If you don't have a copy of these records, contact our office and we can help.



Additionally, we recommend sampling wells annually for the most common contaminants known to affect local wells, namely, nitrates and coliform bacteria. Nitrates can be tested by a local lab while coliform can be tested by a lab or by yourself with a county supplied kit. There is no cost for coliform testing if you use county kits.

It is also recommended that every few years you seek the services of a professional well contractor to conduct a more thorough inspection. These trained professionals can perform more in-depth inspections and testing possibly catching small problems early before they get worse.

If you have any questions, would like a copy of your well and septic records, or would like a free water sample test kit, please feel free to contact the Health Department at (630)553-9100.