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Boil Water Advisory in South East Barrie

Attention: Physicians, Long-Term Care Facilities, Retirement Homes, Pharmacies, Child Care in affected areas, NSM LHIN, Central LHIN

Date: April 5, 2019

Due to a large water main break at Yonge Street and Big Bay Point Road in Barrie, residents and businesses within the affected area as indicated on the attached map and also available at the following link: (<u>https://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/MediaRoom/Documents/WatermainBreak-AffectedArea_April5.jpg</u>) are being advised to boil their water.

This advisory remains in effect until further notice and will be lifted once the safety of the water has been confirmed by laboratory tests. It is anticipated that these results will be available early to mid-week next week.

If you are operating a business within the affected area, please review the following key messages recommended by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU)

- Do not consume the water
- Do not use water for handwashing, use Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR) to clean hands
- If hands are visibly soiled, use soap and water to wash hands, followed by ABHR
- Do not reprocess any medical equipment with city water until the water has been confirmed safe. Single use items are permitted to be used or items sterilized prior to April 5th, 2019
- Do not use any water for preparing medications
- If sanitation and toileting is becoming an issue, please call SMDHU at the number below

There is information on the SMDHU website regarding what to do during a boil water advisory at the following link: <u>http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater/drinkingwater/What-to-do-during-a-Boil-Water-Advisory</u>

If you have any questions please call the Infectious Diseases Program at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 extension 8809 during business hours or after hours at 1-888-225-7851.

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Affected Area

