

Michigan Department of
Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
Community Water Supply

Weekly Program Update

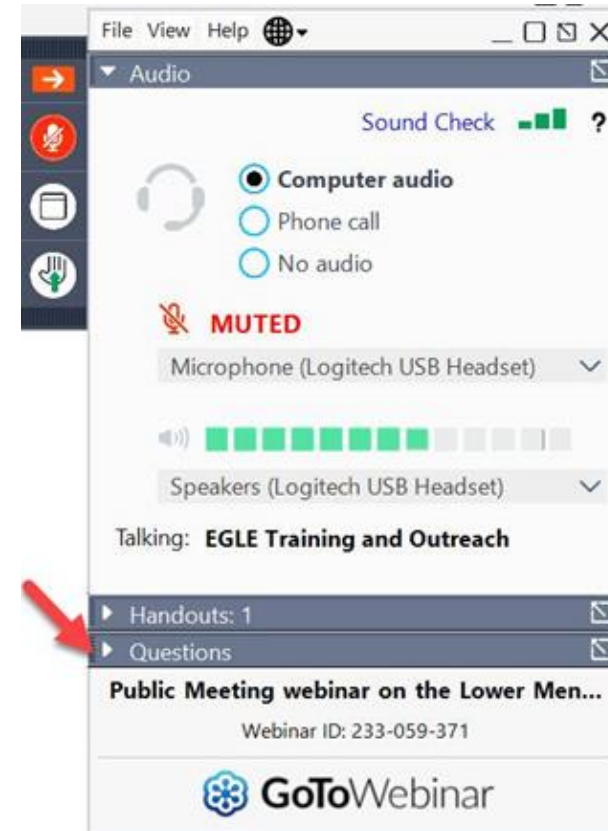
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Poll Question 1

Q & A Panel

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 - Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division Director
- George Krisztian
 - DWEHD Assistant Director
- Brian Thurston
 - DWEHD Field Operations Section Manager
- Kris Philip
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Topics Covered Today

- Reminders & Resources
- Answers to Recent Questions
- EGLE Weekly Updates
- Poll Questions
- Other Updates
- Q&A Session

Operator Training & Certification Updates

- May exams rescheduled to JULY 23, 2020
- Those approved to take the exam **will receive an email survey.** Applicants must respond to survey indicating choice to:
 - Take rescheduled exam on July 23,
 - Take fall exam on November 4, or
 - Take NO exam and get a refund
- Those choosing to take the exam will receive an official approval letter with exam date and location at a later date
- Those not approved to take the exam have already been notified

Operator Training & Certification (cont.)

- Operator Certification Renewals
 - Due to COVID-related course cancellations, certifications that would have expired 4/15 have been extended to 7/15
 - Future expiration will revert to original date (those expiring 4/15/2020 have until 7/15/2020 to renew, but subsequent renewal date will be 4/15/2023)
 - An extension for those expiring 7/15 is under consideration
- Continuing Education Credits
 - Some spring courses have been cancelled
 - Some courses converting to online, but CEC values may change
 - 150+ online courses available for CECs (Michigan.gov/EGLEoperatortraining)

EGLE Lab Reminders

EGLE Drinking Water Laboratory Updates

- Pick-up of mail from the lab has been reduced to 3 days/week
 - Possible delay in delivery of test kits. Recommend ordering kits early.
 - Possible delay in receipt of mailed results. Recommend providing email address on analysis request form. Email reporting continues as normal.
- Deliveries to the lab continue as usual (daily)
- Not currently allowing sample drop-off. Consult with your local carrier service (U.S. Post Office, FedEx, etc.) prior to sampling to ensure sample delivery within required hold times.
- As always, it is recommended that sampling be conducted early in the monitoring period.

General Online Resources

- Michigan Webpage: Michigan.gov/Coronavirus
- EGLE CWS Webpage: Michigan.gov/CommunityWater, then ["COVID 19: Information for Water Operators"](#)
- EPA has established a website to assist water utilities: ["Water Utility Resources for the COVID-19 Pandemic"](#)

Water Quality Within Buildings

Resources for managing building water quality following periods of low or no water use:

- [EGLE: School Flushing Guidance](#)
- [CDC: Guidance for Building Water Systems](#)
- [ASDWA: COVID-19 Resources for Building Water Systems](#)
- [Purdue: Water Quality in Low Occupancy and Shutdown Buildings](#)

School Drinking Water Program

- Focuses on public and nonpublic schools on CWSs
- Provides guidance & resources to promote quality drinking water within the school building plumbing
 - Recently posted flushing guidance due to extended shut down of schools on our school water webpage Michigan.gov/SchoolWater
- Currently offering school plumbing assessments & lead and copper sample plan development
- Will soon begin voluntary lead testing in eligible childcare facilities and schools using federal grant money

Poll Question 2

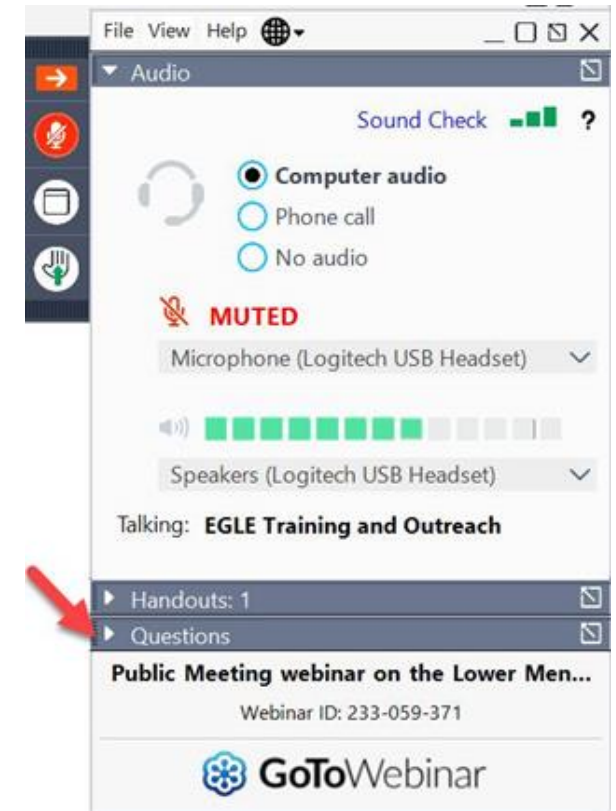
Availability of PPE

- If you need PPE, reach out to your County Emergency Operations Center
- FEMA has provided a significant number of washable cloth masks to Michigan for distribution to DW and WW utilities
 - MIWARN is managing distribution
 - Currently allocating 5 masks per full time employee
 - Masks are free and not just for WARN members
 - Interested utilities must complete a survey and arrange for pick-up at designated pick-up points: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GYWXJ8B>

Poll Question 3

Q&A Session

- Submit questions using the "Question" box in your Go To Webinar tool bar.
- Questions will be compiled and posted to the Community Water COVID-19 website as a Q&A document.
- Between meetings, general programmatic questions/issues can be sent to:
EGLE-DWEHD-CWS@Michigan.gov



Thank you for tuning in!

- Look for notification of future sessions
- Stay in contact with your district engineer and communicate any challenges you are facing
- Stay safe out there!