

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

Weekly Program Update

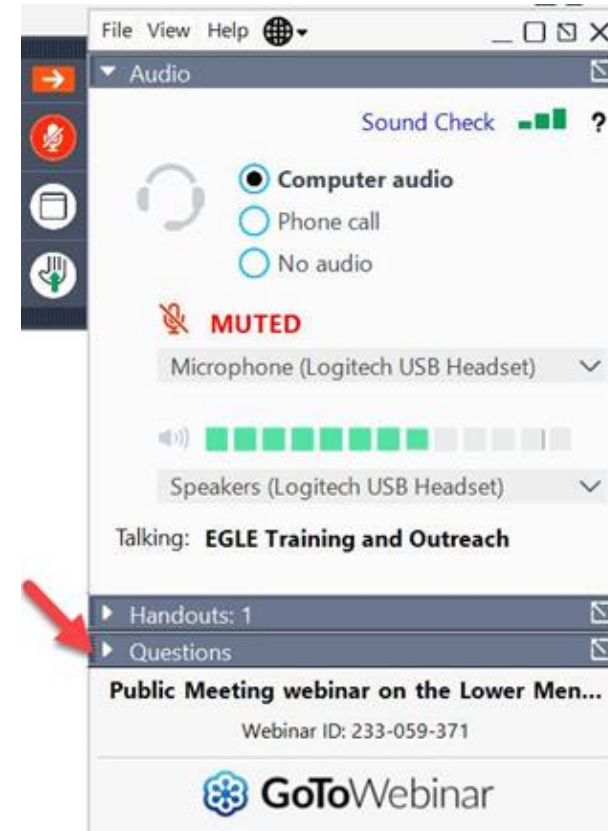
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Poll Question 1

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
 - DWEHD Community Water Supply Section Manager

Topics Covered Today

- Reminders & Resources
- EGLE Weekly Updates
- Poll Questions
- Q&A Session

Operator Training & Certification Updates

- May exams rescheduled to JULY 23, 2020
- Those approved to take the exam **were sent an email survey** regarding when/if they wish to take the exam.
If you did not receive the survey, check your spam folder.
 - Email is from: egle-workshops@michigan.gov via SurveyMonkey
 - Email subject line: “May Drinking Water Operator Exam Rescheduled”
- 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

EGLE Lab Reminders

- In-person sample delivery and container pick-up resumed on Monday May 11, 2020 with call-ahead scheduling. Visit Michigan.gov/EGLELab for bottle [drop-off/pick-up guidance](#)
- Mail/package delivery to the lab continue as usual (daily)
- 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 sample request form for faster receipt of results.

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](#)
- [EPA: Maintaining or Restoring Water Quality in Buildings...](#)
- [ASDWA: COVID-19 Resources for Building Water Systems](#)
- [Purdue: Water Quality in Low Occupancy and Shutdown Buildings](#)

Watermain Construction Project Considerations

- Community Water Supplies should review service connection procedures and update, as needed.
- Some items to consider:
 - Access to buildings, residents, etc.
 - Precautions needed for worker and customer safety.
 - How to best communicate with customers about project and the potential impacts to the customer?

Poll Question 2

Availability of PPE

- If you need PPE, reach out to your County Emergency Operations Center
- Hand Sanitizer - Check with local distilleries for availability
- 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>

Resources for Private Businesses for PPE

- Pure Michigan Business Connect connects Michigan businesses with procurement needs with Michigan based personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety products suppliers. <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/services/pure-michigan-business-connect/>
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce has compiled a list of companies that source, manufacture or distribute PPE equipment. <https://www.michamber.com/personal-protection-equipment>
- To help prepare Michigan's small businesses to manage guidelines and regulations for safe work, Small Business Association of Michigan has compiled a list of resources of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). More updates on this site to come soon! <https://www.sbam.org/Resources/COVID-19-Resources/Personal-Protective-Equipment-Resources>

Sanitary Survey Field Visits Update

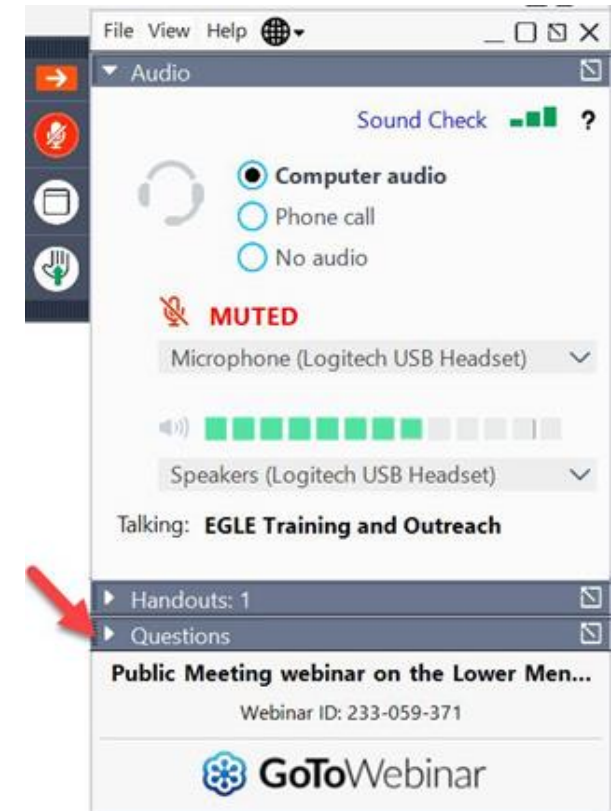
- EGLE DWEHD Field Operations Section (FOS) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been updated to include additional safety precautions to protect water supply representatives and EGLE staff during in-person field visits.
- EGLE DWEHD FOS has resumed critical essential in-person field visits in Northern Lower Michigan and Upper Peninsula using updated SOP.
- EGLE DWEHD will continue to evaluate and release additional districts to resume fieldwork.

Poll Question 3

Poll Question 4

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!