

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

Weekly Program Update

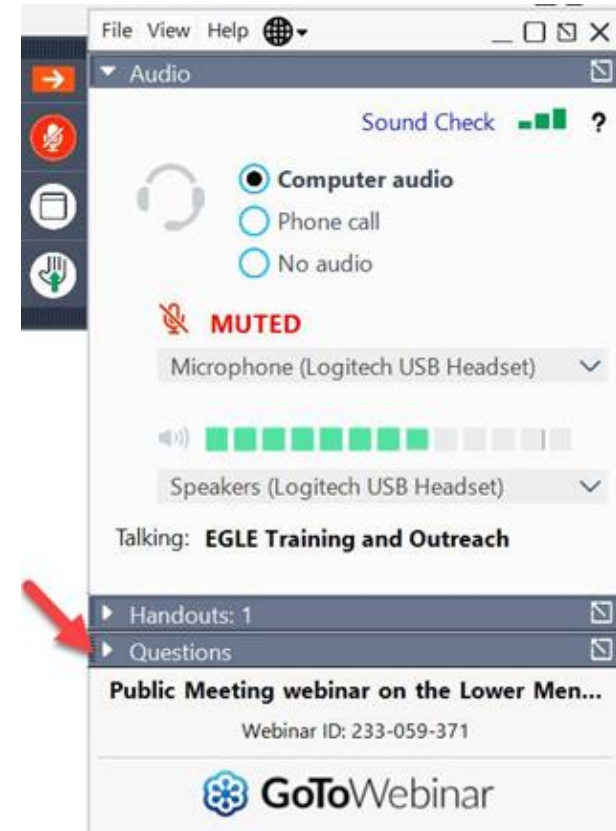
May 7, 2020



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Poll Question 1

Q & A Panel

- Eric Oswald
 - 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
- EGLE Laboratory Updates
- 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 on Monday** regarding when/if they wish to take the exam.
 - If you did not receive the survey, check you spam folder.
- 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

General Online Resources

- Michigan Webpage: [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus)
- EGLE CWS Webpage: [Michigan.gov/CommunityWater](https://www.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](#)

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>

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.

Laboratory Changes

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How are procedures changing?

In these challenging times, we have increased safety to the laboratory facility staff and visitors along with our ongoing dedication to Quality and Reliability.



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- In person outside sample deliveries and sample container pickups to resume on Monday May 11, 2020.
 - Samples collected or sample containers picked up by essential personnel for the purposes of
 - Compliance testing under the Safe Drinking Water Act
 - Protection of public health and the environment

In Person Criteria

All sample deliveries and sample container pickups must be scheduled ahead of time, at least 24 hours when possible, by calling the laboratory.

517-335-8184

Sample appointments will be given in 15 minute increments. It is extremely important to maintain your scheduled time. If you find you cannot be at the laboratory at your scheduled time, please contact us immediately. We will make every effort to get your samples into the laboratory, but it will require waiting in your vehicle until an open spot/all clear occurs.

In Person Criteria

All sample deliveries and sample container pickups must take place outside the main facility entrance at a temporary drop off and pickup location with at least 6 feet of separation between delivery persons and facility staff. Laboratory staff will explain in greater detail when the appointment is made.

In Person Criteria

All sample Request for Water Analysis forms must be complete and legible. Incomplete or illegible forms could result in samples not being tested. We will not be able to check forms while you wait. Be sure to view the [video](#) on EGLE's YouTube channel for correct form submittal.

To help protect laboratory staff, if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19 do not come to the laboratory facility to deliver samples or pick up sample containers.

In Person Criteria

To help protect yourself and laboratory staff, do not come to the laboratory facility to deliver samples or pick up sample containers if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.

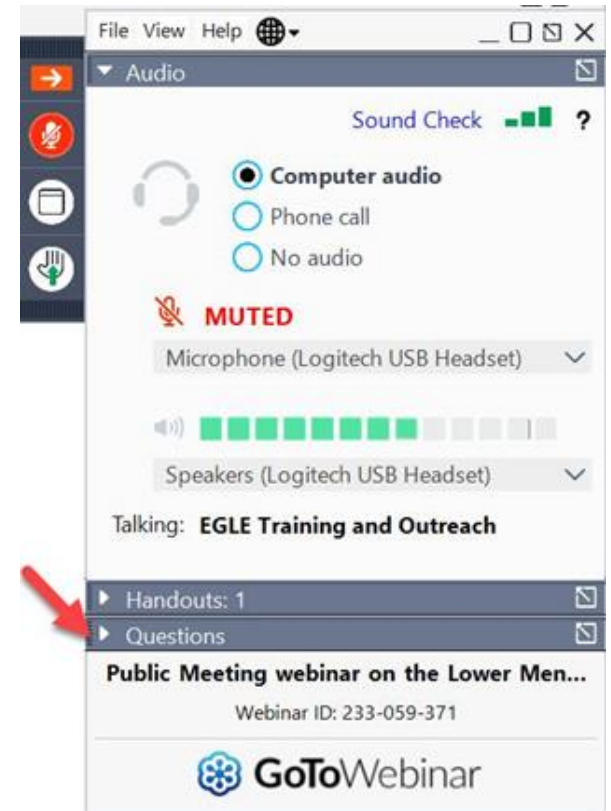


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Drinking Water Laboratory by visiting

Michigan.gov/EGLELab

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!