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### **Water System Disinfection and Testing**

In an effort to protect the public's health and better serve the contracting industry, the Plumbing and Medical Gas Section of Franklin County Public Health will require and collect water disinfection reports and bacteriological water sample results at the final plumbing inspection. Contractors will be required to test for Total Coliform using an EPA approved laboratory. Test results must indicate Total Coliform negative. In addition, FCPH will provide a form for the contractor to certify what method was used for the disinfection of the water distribution system, and the date and time it was performed. Failure to provide such reports or if sampling indicates Total Coliform positive, the final inspection will not be approved. These reports will ensure the minimum standards of Ohio Plumbing Code section 610 has been met.

Franklin County Public Health understands the seriousness of waterborne illnesses, the impact it can have, and is committed to promote health and safety through the enforcement of the minimum standards of the Ohio Plumbing Code. This will be a new process for many contractors and there may be some delays in final approvals. We will take steps to inform and educate plumbing contractors, so they understand the requirements and expectations. We intend to make this requirement effective October 3, 2022.

If you have any questions or comments on this FCPH policy, please feel free to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

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