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Nuisance and Public Health Nuisance Declared at Northtowne Estates Mobile Home Community

The City of Defiance and Defiance County General Health District continue to respond to a raw sewage situation at Northtowne Estates Mobile Home Community. The Defiance County District Board of Health met in an emergency session on Friday October 27, 2017 at 6:10 pm. After being advised that several samples tested above the threshold for E.Coli, the Board passed a resolution declaring Northtowne Estates to be both a nuisance and a public health nuisance as an emergency caused by conditions or events endangering the public health. The board further ordered that the mobile home park owners shall remediate and abate the nuisance at their own cost and report back to the board with a report from a sewage engineer within 30 days. The vote was unanimous among present board members.

Diseases acquired from contact with E.Coli in water can cause stomach illness, skin, eye and other infections. The most commonly reported symptoms are stomach cramps, diarrhea, nausea, and low-grade fever. If you have symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.

The board determined there is no current order for residents of Northtowne Estates to evacuate the area based upon the owner's agreement to comply and recent cooperation regarding resolving the problem. Residents are urged to use their best judgement regarding the matter and to avoid standing water.

Defiance County General Health District will continue to update through our website at www.defiancecohealth.org, Facebook: Defiance County Public Health and Twitter: @DCGHD.

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