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## **URGENT NOTICE**

There is currently a very alarming message doing rounds on social media about the toxicity of Makana water.

The municipality has done several water quality tests starting from January 2019 and the results came back on 22 January 2019. Samples were collected and sent to the National Health Laboratory Services for its microbiological analysis as per SANS 24. The full final laboratory report indicated that in January, Reebieck East and J Street results failed in terms of E-coli. The Ext 7, James Kleynhans WTW, Indoor Sport Centre, Makana Municipal Office all complied in terms of E-coli.

The February results, according to the National Health Laboratory Services report indicates failure in Reebieck East only in terms of E-coli, with ALL other testing areas/sampling points complying meaning it is safe for human consumption.

Due to the high presence of e-coli in Reebieck East water, the community is advised to boil the water before drinking.

Furthermore the Engineering and Infrastructural Services Department was informed to remedy the situation with immediate effect. The situation is currently being monitored for any possible water borne diseases. Resampling is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 and will be made available on Makana website.

In addition, the municipality is verifying/collaborating the water quality report with the clinical data as part of monitoring any water borne diseases during these months.

The municipality is doing all in its power to address this situation and even sourcing independent specialist to do water sampling in all out water treatment plants.

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