

# FANNIN COUNTY RETAIL FOOD INSPECTIONS

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## Guidance for Schools, Nursing Homes, and Hospitals under a Boil Order

Public water systems issue Boil Water notices to notify their users when the drinking water is not safe to consume. A boil water notice is issued when there is a coliform bacteria violation; when the water turbidity is over 5.0 NTU; when the water pressure is less than 20 PSI; or when there is a waterborne disease outbreak.

In the event of a boil order, no food preparation or service of food previously prepared at an affected establishment may occur for the duration of a boil order. It is highly recommended that contingency plans be developed and enacted in the event of a boil order. These plans shall outline procedures for either obtaining food from establishments that are unaffected by the boil order, or for providing food that is completely prepackaged and requires no open preparation. Only individually prepackaged food items that can be heated and served in their original packaging will be allowed to be distributed by an affected establishment. Proper handwashing must be conducted prior to serving any outside or prepackaged food at an affected establishment. In order to properly wash hands during boil orders use only commercially bottled water that is heated to 100°F, wash hands for a total of twenty seconds with antiseptic hand soap, dry hands, and apply anti-bacterial hand sanitizer; gloves shall also be worn for all food distribution. All contingency plans shall be approved at the discretion of the health inspector and must be permitted prior to their enactment. Again, food service or preparation may not be conducted at any establishment affected by a boil order for the duration of the order. Food may only be provided if it is from an unaffected establishment or if it is completely prepackaged and all requirements stated in this document are followed. When the boil order is lifted, follow guidance provided by Fannin County Health Inspector prior to resuming business.