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In the early afternoon on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, a Boil Water Advisory was issued for Platte Center, NE after a water quality test that was performed on Monday, August 26th tested positive for E. Coli. This positive sample was taken from the Village of Platte Center water tower. Three other samples taken elsewhere in the water system tested negative for E. Coli.

For the time being, the water tower has been removed from service. Village officials are currently draining the tower and wells are being treated with chlorine. A third party has been contracted to inspect and sanitize the tower before returning it to service.

The Village of Platte Center will remain on a Boil Water Advisory at least until this upcoming Tuesday, September 3rd. The tower will then be re-filled, and a follow-up water quality test will be conducted at that time.

Please watch the East Central District Health Department Facebook page for further updates.

For information about actions you can take during a boil water alert, please visit our website, <u>www.ecdhd.ne.gov</u> under " Programs: Preparedness; Public Health Emergencies."