



News Update



HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Update on Groundwater near House Street in Belmont



Video's Will Tackle Most Frequently Asked Questions
DEQ Builds Support Staff
You Can Check Your Own Well Logs

KCHD Begins Producing Videos to Answer Your Questions

The Kent County Health Department is working to answer your questions in anyway we can. This week we started a new video project that revolves around the questions we receive most frequently. We will produce these as often as time permits. The videos will also be made available on the <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/PFAS/belmont.htm> website. The first video features Supervising Epidemiologist Brian Hartl who answers questions. You can watch it by clicking [here](#). Please let us know if there are topics you would like to see covered in a video.



DEQ's Ongoing PFAS Efforts Now Involve Statewide Staff

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is fortifying their efforts with additional environmental experts from across the state. These departmental experts are working toward identifying and eliminating potentially impacted locations to ensure protection of public health.



Mental Health Help is Available

If you are experiencing increased stress or other symptoms related to mental health there are resources in the community to help you. Resources include:
- Call Network 180's Access line at 616-336-3909 to talk about emotional concerns. It is free to call and the staff can help connect you with a variety of other treatment resources.
- As mental health coverage varies by insurance company, call the number on the back of your insurance card to find out what is covered by your insurance.
- If you are experiencing physical symptoms, such as sleeplessness, fatigue, or appetite loss, please contact your primary care physician for assistance.

Call 2-1-1

The Kent County Health Department and The Heart of West Michigan United Way's 2-1-1 have teamed up to get you information fast. The two agencies have entered an agreement to answer your calls. Simply call 2-1-1 from your home phone or cell phone and let the person answering why you are calling. In most cases ,they will be able to answer your question quickly. KCHD is hopeful that this system results in a better experience for you.

Access Your own Well Records

Are you looking for specific historical information about your well? You can easily find construction information like the depth of your well, the date it was installed, casing size and soil formation information as well as a host of other valuable information all for free. By clicking this link www.deq.state.mi.us/well-logs you will be led to the scanned water well record retrieval system. You will find step by step instructions that will provide access to nearly one million wells. You will need Adobe Acrobat to view the information. You can download Adobe Acrobat for free [here](#). While the well water record retrieval system is a great tool, there maybe wells that have not been loaded into the database. You may also complete a Freedom of Information Act Request for well records directly from Kent County here <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/PFAS/>

Resources

Wolverine Worldwide

HouseStreet@wwwinc.com
(616) 866-5627

For information regarding possible health effects of PFAS and PFOA

The Kent County Health Department
616-632-7100
KCPFAS@kentcountymi.gov

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
1-800-648-6942

For information about the status of the investigation and water sampling

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Assistance Center via their online form [HERE](#) or call 800-662-9278

For House Street specific site information

Rose and Westra, a Division of GZA
Mark Westra/Lori Powers
<mailto:House-Street@gza.com>
(616) 258-7234

For information about the Plainfield municipal water system

Plainfield Water Department
(616) 363-9660

For questions about tax/property values

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