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For all Sandusky County residents who have been affected by the recent heavy rains and flooding the Sandusky County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health is providing important information to assist you in keeping your food and drinking water safe, your home sewage treatment system operational and providing information on safe clean up of home interior furnishings that have been contaminated with flood waters.

It is most important to remember that flood waters may be contaminated due to flooded septic systems. Residents are urged to avoid direct contact with flood water.

- 1) Wells, water holding tanks and cisterns that have been covered over or otherwise contaminated with flood waters should NOT be used for a potable drinking water supply. Bottled water or water from a municipal water supply should be used until a safe drinking water supply can be assured. Please contact the SCHD for information on how to properly disinfect these systems.
- 2) Residents who use a Home Sewage Treatment System may experience sewage backing up into the home during a flood event. Sewage has the potential for carrying pathogens that can cause diarrhea and other diseases. For information on how to safely clean up after a sewage back-up, please contact SCHD before beginning any work. In addition, flooded home sewage treatment systems may malfunction due to damage following a flood event. This is especially true for systems that contain mechanical parts such as home aeration systems. These devices must be repaired in order to ensure that the system is working properly. Homeowners should contact their service providers to have systems inspected and needed repairs made. For a list of licensed service providers please contact SCHD.
- 3) Residents whose home interiors are contaminated with flood water must be very cautious when proceeding with cleaning up flood contaminated home furnishings. SCHD has detailed information about how to clean up after a flood. This information is available both on our website and at the Health Department's office.

Additional information is available free of charge at the Health Department office and is posted on the Health Department's website.

For more information please contact the Sandusky County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health at 419-334-6373 or 6377, or by email at: environ@sanduskycohd.org

Or visit the Health Department's website at: <http://www.sanduskycohd.org/>

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