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City continues process to rescind water boil notice; normal City operations will resume Monday

After restoring adequate pressure to its water system, the City has sent water samples for testing to remove the water boil notice. The City offices will resume normal operations on Monday.

Now that all of the City's water storage tanks are refilled to their normal levels and maintain adequate water pressure across the system, the City was able to immediately collect the 50 required samples to be tested and sent off to a local environmental testing lab yesterday at 5 p.m. If the samples are free of contaminants, the City will submit the request to TCEQ to rescind the water boil notice.

City officials will provide updates about this progress during a live virtual press briefing today at 4 p.m. streamed on its Facebook page and Suddenlink cable channels 15 and 115.

The restoration of water pressure has allowed the Victoria Fire Department to return to normal service using the fire hydrants without having to fill tanks at the water plant. Firefighters experienced adequate water pressure Saturday evening when responding to an apartment fire, indicating the successful maintenance of the system's water pressure.

The City has distributed more than 1,600 cases of water to area health care providers and nonprofits. Local organizations also received additional water from the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent and other donations. With bottled water still in short supply statewide, the City continues to work with local organization to prioritize distribution of water to areas of greatest need.

Local leaders remain in contact with state officials about potential sources of state and federal aid. Mayor Rawley McCoy stated in a Saturday virtual briefing that FEMA was likely to provide public and private reparative assistance in response to the winter storm. As the City works to provide details once they become available, residents meanwhile can visit www.disasterassistance.gov.

Residents are asked to continue reporting leaks and practicing water conservation. To report a leak, call 361-485-3381. Residents can report leaks or line breaks 24/7. For additional questions, additional staff will be available 8-5 p.m. tomorrow. The hotline has received nearly 2,500 calls from residents reporting leaks and asking questions related to the interruption in water service.

The City will return to regular business hours of operation on Monday. For more information, visit www.victoriatx.gov.

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