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## **BOIL WATER NOTICE**

### **January 26, 2019**

The Cayuga County Health Department advises the residents of the Village of Cato and other users of the Village of Cato's water supply to

## **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

**Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using.** Or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

### **What Happened?**

The water system lost pressure due to a water line repair. When water mains lose pressure it increases the chance that untreated water and harmful microbes can enter your drinking water.

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### **What is being done?**

Once the repairs are completed, the Village of Cato will take samples to confirm there is no contamination in the distribution system. It is anticipated that the Boil Water Order will remain in effect for a few days. The Health Department will notify individuals in the Village of Cato when they no longer need to boil their water.

### **Where can I get more information?**

People with questions may contact the Village of Cato at 315-626-2397 or the Cayuga County Health Department at 315-253-1560.

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