

Understanding Bacteria in Your Drinking Water

Bacteria in drinking water can be an important warning sign that the water may be contaminated and could pose a health risk.

Your bacteria test results help you identify whether **E. coli or coliform bacteria** are present and whether further action may be needed.

E. coli & Total Coliforms

What do they mean?

E. coli and total coliforms are indicators of contamination that may originate from humans or warm-blooded animals.

Why do they matter?

Their presence can indicate that harmful microorganisms may have entered the water, which means there may be a risk of infection.

What should I look out for?

According to the test guidance, even **one blue or red colony/spot** can indicate a potential risk and should not be ignored.

Important:

If your test shows the presence of **E. coli or coliform bacteria**, we recommend that you do not rely on the water for drinking until the result has been further investigated.

Have your water professionally tested by an accredited laboratory to confirm the result and determine what action **may be required, as contaminated water may pose a potential health risk.**

For further assistance or professional water testing, visit www.ilabwater.co.za or call 072 786 2814.