## Child Hospitalized with E. Coli While Alexandria Officials Remain Silent 45+ Residents Raise Alarms Over Water Issues

Despite confirmed E. coli detections and a hospitalized child, Alexandria officials and HML Labs face growing outrage over continued silence and failure to notify the public.

Anderson, Indiana Jul 27, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - Alexandria, Indiana – July 24, 2025 — A child has been hospitalized for a second time in Alexandria, Indiana, due to complications from an E. coli infection, an illness believed to be linked to contaminated municipal water. The child's mother, Erin Addison, confirmed the lab detection of E. coli in her home's drinking water. Yet, despite the gravity of the situation and now **over 45 residents** raising concerns about their own water quality, **city leadership remains silent**.

In the weeks since Erin's child first fell ill, local officials have **refused to issue a boil advisory**, **denied** public accountability, and **dismissed** multiple independent water test results showing contamination. **HML Labs**, the facility that processed the water tests, has been under scrutiny for marking test results as "satisfactory" even when E. coli was detected, a practice that appears to contradict federal EPA guidance.

"This isn't just about one test anymore," said James Peters, a resident and whistleblower who has been collecting documentation from across the city. "This is about dozens of families being ignored while a child is in the hospital, and the people elected to protect them do nothing."

Public meetings have yielded no clear answers, with residents reporting **questions left unanswered**, **chlorine logs ignored**, and **emails to city leaders going without response**. The mayor's office has yet to acknowledge any fault, issue any public health warning, or speak directly to the growing number of concerned citizens.

As of today, **more than 45 residents have come forward** with complaints about discolored water, strange odors, stomach illnesses, and E. coli-positive test results, all from homes drawing water from the municipal supply.

What's missing is not just clean water, it's accountability.

There is still time for City Hall to respond. But with what is developing, including potential media coverage, legal interest, and a growing citizen movement, residents are questioning whether that response will come **too late or not at all**.

If you are an Alexandria resident experiencing water-related illness or have test results to share, contact Concerned Citizens of Alexandria at: <a href="mailto:media@concernedcitizensofalexandria.org">media@concernedcitizensofalexandria.org</a>

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All claims are based on a public city meeting held on July 7th, 2025.

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