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STRYKER – “Not detected.” The Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio received good news today when the results of their water testing for legionella bacteria came back negative.

“We got that result and immediately reached out to our contact at the Ohio Department of Health,” commented Dennis Sullivan. “We can start a hot water remediation and we’ll be back to operating like normal this evening.”

Remediation was the recommendation from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) as the water at the jail has been turned off since February 16, with exception of limited showers and sinks which had filters installed for inmates to use. Simply explained, the remediation is when the water heaters are turned up to raise the water temperatures and once the water has been hot enough it will be flushed from the system. The staff and inmates at the jail were informed of this process and advised to not use the hot water for their safety as it will be scalding temps. As a precaution, the ODH may suggest a follow-up test be done after the remediation.

The jail was required to do the testing after an inmate was found to be positive for legionella bacteria during a scheduled surgery at a local hospital.

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