



## JOHNSTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### **Loss of Water Pressure Guidance for Food Service Establishments and Childcare Centers:**

The water supply can be lost after an emergency due to storms, power outages or down distribution systems, or damage in the water supply lines. If you loose water then it is imperative that you inquire about the cause of the loss of water and the duration that the water will be off. Unless a pre-approved plan with the State Variance committee is established then the **facility must close** due to not having an approved water supply. This means that your food service establishment or childcare facility cannot operate until you have a safe water supply with adequate pressure to meet the facilities needs.

Once the facility has water under pressure provided to it, it is important to check with authorities to see if a Boil Water Advisory or a Boil Water Notice has been issued. If they have, then the guidance for those situations must be followed and is available on our website.