Unique partnership to provide well water screening: Lane County Environmental Health and Marist High School partner to provide free well water screening in Oregon

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TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: Public Health Professionals interested in Drinking Water and Domestic Well Safety

ABSTRACT: 1) Need to provide low to no cost well water testing for private well users. 2) Formed a unique partnership to offer well water testing through a local high school chemistry class. 3) Successful program that offers monthly coliform, nitrate, and arsenic testing for free for anyone. Lane county provides technical assistance to residents who have questions on what there test results mean. Provides a way to promote public health and environmental health to students while providing a community service.

OBJECTIVE(S): Learner will be able to discuss the issues around private wells and the unique way to analyze drinking water at a low cost way.

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