Update on Walkerton E. coli 0157 Outbreak

- Dr. M. S. McQuigge, Medical Officer of Health, released a statement to the public this morning responding to questions raised that the Public Health Unit could have responded more quickly and warned the citizens of Walkerton that their water was contaminated
- Water samples are still testing positive for E. Coli so the Boil Water Advisory is still in effect
- Water filters and/or reverse osmosis process will not kill the E. Coli 0157 bacteria
- The bacteria does not live well outside the body so clothes can be washed. It is not necessary to scrub tables.
- Schools in Walkerton will remain to be closed for the rest of the week. It is recommended that daycares stay closed as well
- Further information can be located at the Bruce Grey Owen Sound Health Unit website: www.srhip.on.ca/bgoshu