

Poster Talking Points

Contaminated Water Contains Microbes That Make Us Sick

Key Message:

- Contaminated water can make you sick.
- We know that dirty water is not good drink; however, **clear** water is often not safe to drink unless its been cleaned.
- Tiny living things, called microbes, which are too small to see with your eyes, can be in living in the water.
- Microbes can be worms, parasites, or bacteria (refer to “cartoon” characters of microbes on poster).
- If we drink contaminated water, we may become ill with diarrhea, stomach pains, fever, and vomiting. (Talk about any water-related diseases that are common in the area.)
- When we get sick, we may have to visit a doctor or even stay in the hospital. Medications to cure these illnesses can cost a lot of money.
- Sickness can cause us to miss school or work.
- Some illnesses are so bad that we may die.

Check for understanding:

- What can you see in the water?
- What is something that you can't see in the water, but might still be there (microbes)?
- What happens if you drink water that has microbes in it?
- What are illnesses that you can get when we drink contaminated water?
- What are some consequences of being sick?