# WATER CONTAMINATION

# WHERE CAN YOU FIND WATER?

### Where does your water come from?

 You can get water from your home, school, wells, streams, rain, lakes, and more!

**Let's talk about it**: Where do you get your water?

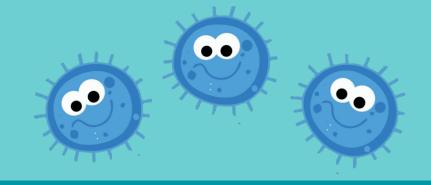
 Water can come from many sources, but not all water is clean...



# **BACTERIA AND YOUR HEALTH**

### What are bacteria?

- Bacteria, also called germs, are tiny organisms that live everywhere—both inside and outside of your body!
- Some bacteria are good for you, but some bacteria are bad and can make you sick.
- You'll get to learn more about bacteria later!



**Fun Fact**: Did you know that bacteria has been on the planet for more than **3.5 billion** years? Bacteria are one of the oldest known life-forms on Earth!

# **CAN WATER MAKE YOU SICK?**

# **Drinking dirty water can make you feel sick**

- Watch out! Not all water is clean
- Dirty water can contain bad bacteria and other contaminants like leaves, dirt, chemicals, and more!
- Drinking clean water is important to staying healthy

### **Let's talk about it:**

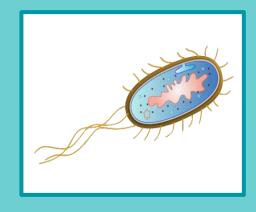
Can you think of other possible water contaminants?



# WATER CONTAMINANT: BACTERIA

### What else can contaminate water?

- Think back to what you learned in Module I...
- In addition to chemical contaminants (like arsenic), bacteria can also contaminate water!
- *E. coli* is one kind of bad bacteria that can be found in dirty water
  - The LATAM Intelligent Filter can filter our these contaminants!



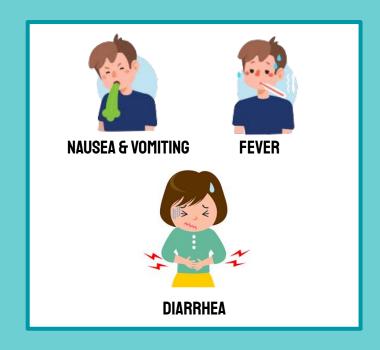
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# DIRTY WATER AND SICKNESS

### **How do you know if you're sick?**

- If you feel nauseous, have a fever, have diarrhea, or are vomiting (throwing up), you might be sick with a waterborne illness!
- If you feel any of these symptoms, make sure to tell an adult!
- These symptoms may also be caused by the flu

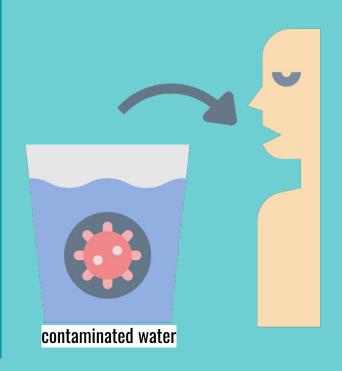
A <u>waterborne</u> illness is a sickness that is from drinking contaminated water!



# WATERBORNE ILLNESSES

### How do you get a waterborne illness?

- You can get sick from bad germs in your water:
  - <u>Ingestion</u>: Drinking contaminated water or eating contaminated fruits and vegetables
  - Touch: Getting your hands dirty with bad bacteria and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes
- Later in this module, you will learn how you can prevent sickness and stay healthy!



# SICKNESS: DIARRHEA

### What is diarrhea?

- Diarrhea is a very common sickness caused by bad bacteria in your digestive system
- When you have diarrhea, you might have loose and watery poop, stomach pain, and cramps
- Watch out! Diarrhea can lead to dehydration because your body loses a lot of water through defecation



## TREATING DIARRHEA

### **How can you treat diarrhea?**

- Drink water to stay hydrated!
- Eat foods that contain salts and sugars
- Get plenty of rest
- You can also check the color of your pee, like you did in Module 2, to see if you are drinking enough water!



