



Tap Water Remains Safe to Drink

Casitas Municipal Water District follows regulated water treatment and disinfection processes to prevent pathogens, which includes viruses, from contaminating drinking water. The District continuously conducts water quality tests to ensure your water meets rigorous drinking water standards.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have provided the following information regarding COVID-19 and drinking water. In a statement released by EPA on March 11, 2020, the agency said:

“There is no higher priority for EPA than protecting the health and safety of Americans. EPA is providing this important information about COVID-19 as it relates to drinking water and wastewater to provide clarity to the public. The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies. Based on current evidence, the risk to water supplies is low. **Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual.**”

“EPA has established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water and wastewater. COVID-19 is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective.”

The EPA website includes a new Q&A that answers the following questions. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>.

- Is drinking tap water safe?
- Do I need to boil my drinking water?
- Is tap water safe to use for hand washing?
- What should I do if I'm concerned about my drinking water?
- Do I need to buy bottled water or store drinking water?
- What is EPA's role in ensuring drinking water remains safe?

The CDC has also added a section on water transmission and COVID-19. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>. The website includes a Q&A, which begins with:

“Can the COVID-19 virus spread through drinking water?”

The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.”