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**Subject:** Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Drinking Water

You may be receiving questions from concerned drinking water customers regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in drinking water. The EPA and the CDC have provided technical guidance on this subject which can be viewed at the following links:

- EPA Coronavirus and Drinking Water and Wastewater: <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>

*Excerpt from the website: "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. Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective. EPA is coordinating with our federal partners, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and will continue to provide technical assistance and support, as appropriate."*

- CDC Water Transmission and COVID-19 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

*Excerpt from the website: "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."*

Please review the guidance provided by the EPA and CDC and pass it along to any necessary staff who may be receiving questions from concerned customers.

Respectfully,

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