

Are Water Safety and Water Supply affected by Covid-19?

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The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has not been found in our tap water.

Tap water is an essential resource that ensures our children, families and communities are healthy, clean and hydrated during this unprecedented time.



CAN COVID-19 GET INTO MY WATER? NO, YOUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 is only transmitted from person to person, not through water. (However, it is important to remember not to share drinking glasses with others.) Under rules mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act (1972), public drinking water must be tested to meet strict federal and state drinking water standards. As stated by the CDC: "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."

HOW WILL COVID-19 AFFECT OUR WATER SUPPLY? IT WON'T.

Municipal water agencies and water service providers oversee sophisticated water supply systems which provide drinking water to communities across California. Water agencies across California have taken precautionary steps to ensure that, in the event of a supply chain disruption, there are adequate water supplies, and treatment is available.

DO I NEED TO STOCKPILE BOTTLED WATER? NO.

Your tap water is safe to drink! However, families are encouraged to maintain a two-week supply of bottled water in case there is a natural disaster such as an earthquake or wildfire event that may cause a disruption in our water supply.



Keep washing your hands and stay hydrated by using and drinking your local tap water!



If you have questions about your water safety and water supply, visit the websites below:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

California Department of Water Resources: <https://water.ca.gov/>

Water Replenishment Department: <https://www.wrd.org/content/information-coronavirus-covid-19-and-your-water-supply>

Los Angeles County: <https://www.ladwpnews.com/frequently-asked-questions-about-covid-19-and-your-water-supply/>

Upper Santa Clara River Watershed: <https://yourscwater.com/covid-19-coronavirus/>

Ventura County: <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1817/COVID-19-Coronavirus>

*All information was made available as of May 2020, and is subject to change as more information about COVID-19 becomes available.

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