



# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **YOUR TAP WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK!**

“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.”

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

# YOUR TAP WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK!



The novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, does NOT impact the quality and supply of your local tap water. COVID-19 is transmitted person to person, **not through water**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Tap water is regulated for safety by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and must meet stringent state and federal drinking water quality standards. Water treatment plants that provide water must be tested multiple times per day.



Your local water agencies and partners provide a water supply that meets and exceeds drinking water standards set by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. They are:

- **San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority**
- **Three Valleys Municipal Water District**
- **Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster**
- **Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District**



Don't tap into your emergency preparedness supply. Water supplies are not threatened by the pandemic. A two-week supply of bottled water is recommended for other emergencies, such as earthquakes.

**“Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual.”**

***U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)***

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS About COVID-19 and Water Supply



## Can the COVID-19 coronavirus get into my water?

**General Manager Matt Litchfield, Three Valleys Municipal Water District**

The novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, does not present a threat to the safety of Three Valley's or any other regional water supplies. Much of our water comes through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, whose multi-step treatment process includes filtration and disinfection using ozone and chlorine. This advanced process removes and kills viruses, including coronaviruses, as well as bacteria and other pathogens.

Furthermore, state project water treated at the Three Valleys' Miramar treatment plant is regulated for safety and must meet stringent state and federal drinking water quality standards to ensure the highest quality of water.

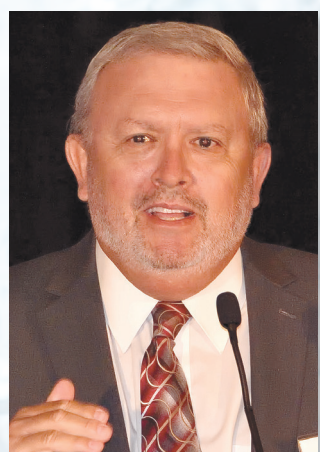
Three Valleys tests the water multiple times per day to ensure the safety of its water supplies. COVID-19 is transmitted person-to-person, not through water, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## So why are people stockpiling bottled water?

**Executive Director Ken Manning, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority**

General emergency preparedness encourages a two-week supply of bottled water in the event of a supply disruption. While other emergencies may necessitate backup water sources, water supplies are not a concern in this particular situation.

People should remember that there will not be a supply disruption due to COVID-19. Our water supply must meet strict state and federal drinking water standards and is monitored every step of the way, from source to tap. In fact, the water from your home is tested more rigorously than most bottled water brands you buy at your store.



## Will COVID-19 affect our long-term water supply?

**Executive Officer Tony Zampello, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster**

The San Gabriel Valley is fortunate to have the Main San Gabriel Basin, which can store 8.6 million acre feet of fresh water. The Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster is tasked with monitoring the quantity and quality of this groundwater source. The water in the ground is stored in a safe, natural environment until it is pumped out and served to the consumer. All of this water meets the very stringent drinking water supply standards required by state and federal regulations and the Watermaster helps coordinate required sampling and reporting of these supplies before it arrives at the tap. In short, the virus will not affect our groundwater supply and San Gabriel Valley residents can feel safe drinking tap water.

## Will my tap water continue to be safe as the virus spreads?

**General Manager Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District**

Yes, your tap water is safe to drink and for everyday use and will continue to be safe. The Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District (Upper District) is charged with providing the imported water for the San Gabriel Valley. Upper District regularly coordinates water supply and delivery with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and other regional agencies to ensure a safe and reliable imported water supply for all our customers.

Metropolitan's filtration and disinfection processes safeguard the water supply against viruses and bacteria. Ongoing monitoring demonstrates that Metropolitan's treated water meets or surpasses all federal and state drinking water standards and regulations.

The Board of Directors for the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District remain very diligent and concerned about the health and safety of all our residents. We will continue to work closely with our neighboring municipal water agencies, local water retailers and cities to ensure a reliable and safe water supply.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Centers for Disease Control & Prevention** [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**World Health Organization**  
[www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

**California Department  
of Public Health**  
[www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)

**United States Environmental  
Protection Agency | US EPA**  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

**Metropolitan Water District  
of Southern California**  
[www.mwdh2o.com](http://www.mwdh2o.com)

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