



Our Region's Trusted Water Leader
San Diego County Water Authority

Coronavirus Key Points

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- **Public water supplies in the San Diego region remain safe to drink due to numerous robust treatment processes used by local and regional water providers.**
- **There's no evidence that coronavirus is transmitted through water.**
 - Coronavirus is a respiratory illness like the flu, and neither are spread through treated water supplies.
- **Drinking water provided by the Water Authority and its 24 member agencies is treated by a combination of technologies that chemically deactivate and physically remove bacteria, viruses and other contaminants.**
 - Those steps include sedimentation, filtration and disinfection.
- **To ensure continued water supply safety, the Water Authority, its 24 member agencies continuously monitor and test supplies throughout the treatment process, while maintaining uninterrupted operation in compliance with state and federal water quality standards.**

What you can do to stay healthy

According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, coronavirus is spread from person to person contact, breathing or contacting respiratory droplets from an infected person, and contacting surfaces contaminated with the virus.

Here's what you can do to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information about virus prevention and treatment, go to the [CDC's website](#) or the [County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency](#).