



## Can I catch COVID-19 from drinking water?

The Environmental Protection Agency, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization have all provided expert opinions on the safety of the public drinking water supply, and our current water filtration and disinfection practices provide effective barriers against COVID-19. Staff at City drinking water facilities train for environmental and biological challenges and employ multiple levels of redundancy to ensure safe drinking water is treated and distributed.

## Do I need to buy bottled water?

Our current tap water operation will continue to function, providing safe drinking water to people in Minneapolis and the City's suburban customers. There is no need to buy bottled water for drinking. Safe tap water will continue to be supplied.

## How are water utilities protecting the water supply?

The City has stringent hygiene measures in place at its water treatment plants and there is little to no human contact involved in the process of treating water for drinking.

Existing water treatment and disinfection processes, including use of chloramine, are effective in removing and inactivating viruses from water supplies.

We are in contact with key government agencies to monitor and understand the health impacts of COVID-19 as it develops and are well-connected internationally to stay updated on the latest information and evidence.

## What if workers are quarantined at home, will water still be supplied?

Supplying drinking water is an essential service and the City is well prepared to manage our response to COVID-19. We have emergency response plans in place and are continuing to update them in response to the most current information.

In general water treatment plants are secure, have backup power and require few staff to operate. The City ensures that multiple staff can operate water treatment plants and water supply systems so drinking water can still be safely and reliably supplied even if employee are on leave.

## How to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

More information on COVID-19, including ways to prevent the disease from spreading, can be found at

