



# COVID-19

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## AND OUR WATER SUPPLY

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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#### **Is COVID-19 Coronavirus in my tap water?**

The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in RPU's treated drinking-water supplies. Our water supply comes from the ground, which naturally filters and protects the water. Additionally, our water system maintains a high level of disinfection as it removes pathogens, such as bacteria and viruses. Our water is tested dozens of times each day and thousands of times each year to ensure our system's cleanliness and level of treatment meets the strict federal and state drinking water standards and regulations.

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#### **Do I need to buy bottled water or store drinking water?**

Although people are purchasing bottled water as a precautionary measure for emergency preparedness, tap water can continue to be used as usual for drinking and other purposes. RPU's water treatment and delivery systems are fully functioning to provide reliable and safe drinking water to our customers.

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#### **If COVID-19 continues to spread, can RPU continue to provide water?**

RPU is committed to providing reliable, high-quality and safe drinking water to our customers. We have continuity plans set in order to continue to perform all utility operations during a major incident.

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### RESOURCES

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#### **COVID-19 Coronavirus Update**

[RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19](https://RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19)

#### **RPU's Water Quality**

[RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Residents/Your-Water.asp](https://RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Residents/Your-Water.asp)

#### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

[EPA.gov/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-And-Drinking-Water-And-Wastewater](https://EPA.gov/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-And-Drinking-Water-And-Wastewater)