

SPECIAL REPORT:  
**NRWA Statement on COVID-19**

The National Rural Water Association continues to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and recommends all water and wastewater utilities review the best and latest information on the following trusted websites:

CDC: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html)

OSHA: [www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html#solidwaste](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html#solidwaste)

WHO: [www.who.int/publications-detail/water-sanitation-hygiene-and-waste-management-for-covid-19](http://www.who.int/publications-detail/water-sanitation-hygiene-and-waste-management-for-covid-19)

CISA: [www.cisa.gov/insights](http://www.cisa.gov/insights)

At this time, existing safe management techniques in both drinking water and sanitation apply to COVID-19. Extra measures are not needed. In particular, disinfection treatment processes will facilitate more rapid die-off of the COVID-19 virus. Provision of safe water, sanitation and hygienic conditions play an essential role in protecting human health during all infectious disease outbreaks, including the current COVID-19 outbreak.

Frequent and proper hand washing is one of the most important prevention measures for COVID-19. Good and consistently applied hygiene in communities, homes, schools, workplaces, marketplaces and health care facilities will further help to prevent human-to-human transmission of COVID-19.

This outbreak continues to evolve and information changes daily. Similar to past viral outbreaks of this magnitude, COVID-19 is something to be taken very seriously. NRWA will continue to monitor the situation and is following the guidance of leading health authorities. Any impact to technical assistance, training programs, meeting and/or conferences will be posted prominently at <https://nrwa.org/initiatives/covid-19/>.

The National Rural Water Association (NRWA) is the country's largest public drinking water and sanitation supply organization with over 31,000 small and rural community members dedicated to drinking water quality, environmental protection and public health protection. Safe drinking water and sanitation are generally recognized as the most essential public health, public welfare, and civic necessities.

