

COVID-19 Ongoing Updates - Pico Rivera Water Authority**Concerned about COVID-19?**

The City of Pico Rivera and the Pico Rivera Water Authority have been closely monitoring events and public health recommendations surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19. We want to reassure our customers that your tap water is available, plentiful and safe. There is currently no evidence to support that COVID-19 is transmitted through drinking water.

✓Pico Rivera Water Authority (PRWA) Treatment Process

PRWA provides drinking water from groundwater wells in the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD). Groundwater provides a natural filtration process that removes contaminants such as COVID-19. PRWA utilizes chlorination as a treatment process that is sufficient to physically remove, disinfect and chemically inactivate viruses, bacteria and other living organisms. This level of treatment meets and exceeds the state and federal drinking water standards that ensures water is safe for consumption.

✓Continuous Sampling

Our staff continuously monitors the water supply throughout the distribution system, collecting more than 900 samples each year. These results are published in the Annual Water Quality report.

✓How Are We Preparing

PRWA relies on its employees to provide a reliable, safe, high-quality water supply to nearly 40,000 residents within its service area. In order to prepare for COVID-19, PRWA has plans in place to be able to continue supplying safe drinking water even during a pandemic. The spread of COVID-19 may necessitate changes in the way we interact, but it does not change what we do..

Our plan addresses how we will continue operations in the event of widespread staffing reductions. This includes cross-training employees, prioritizing critical functions and preparing our system and employees to function remotely. Our employees are prepared to respond and continue delivering the same high-quality tap water to the residents of Pico Rivera..

Frequently Asked Questions Sheet**What Can You Do?**

According to the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, coronavirus, like the flu, is spread from person to person contact, breathing or contacting respiratory droplets

from an infected person, and contacting surfaces contaminated with a virus. If you are concerned about the spread of viruses, look to taking these preventative steps to keep you healthy:

Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds

Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose with unwashed hands

Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or sneezing

Clean high-contact surfaces like phone screens, keyboards, doorknobs, steering wheels etc.

Get plenty of rest to keep your immune system healthy