



To the Constituents of the San Jacinto River Authority

“As a wholesale water provider, the safety and health of the communities we serve is our top priority. The water professionals on our staff have always worked 24/7 year-round to maintain our quality of service to the community, and we will continue to do so through this COVID-19 event. Our water and wastewater treatment systems remain safe. We have already made plans in the event that there are any impacts to our supply chain, such as chemical and material suppliers. We continue to plan for successfully meeting the current challenges.”— Jace Houston, San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) General Manager

We at SJRA have been closely monitoring updates and recommendations regarding the COVID-19 virus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The water provided by SJRA, as always, is safe and meets, or in many areas exceeds, stringent state and federal standards.

According to the CDC, EPA, and World Health Organization (WHO), the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies. Conventional water treatment and disinfection methods such as those in most municipal drinking water systems should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

“Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual. EPA has established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water and wastewater. COVID-19 is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection, and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective.”

<http://bit.ly/38PZNa4>

For the health and safety of our stakeholders and staff, due to the uncertainty surrounding the continued trajectory of the virus, we will utilize Skype, streaming, and similar services for meetings open to the public. Notice will be posted on our website www.SJRA.net

We would also like to remind you while Lake Conroe can provide a wonderful outdoor space for families and individuals to visit, we urge people to heed the advice of local officials and follow social distancing recommendations.

SJRA will continue to monitor public health recommendations and share periodic updates as necessary.

Please continue to monitor your local office of emergency management for the most up to date public health announcements. Stay safe and healthy.

One of the major river authorities in Texas, SJRA's mission is to develop, conserve, and protect the water resources of the San Jacinto River basin. Covering all or part of seven counties, the organization's jurisdiction includes the entire San Jacinto River watershed, excluding Harris County. For additional information on SJRA visit our website at www.sjra.net, like SJRA on Facebook [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), follow us on Twitter [@SJRA_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937), or find us on Instagram [@sanjacintoriverauthoritysja](https://www.instagram.com/sanjacintoriverauthoritysja).

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