



San Jacinto River Authority Latest News

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Water Supply

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At SJRA Offices

In compliance with Montgomery County, Harris County, and State of Texas guidelines as well as for the protection and health of our employees and the community we serve, we are limiting in-person visits to appointment only. Visitors are urged to please call (936) 588-3111 before dropping by. Each SJRA division office throughout our service area is equipped with a receptacle outside the front door for deliveries.

Lake Conroe

SJRA continues to welcome visitors to Lake Conroe. During this time of increased isolation, the lake can provide a wonderful opportunity to get out of the house. The community is strongly urged to observe federal, state, and local COVID-19 guidelines if visiting the lake.

CDC recommendations on social distancing and limiting groups to less than 10 people – whether on your boat or using public beach areas such as Ayers Island—should be followed. Hygiene recommendations should be practiced when visiting any common areas such as gas stations, marinas, or boat launches. Visitors should also review Montgomery County emergency proclamations for information related to visiting county parks, including the Lake Conroe Park off of SH 105 managed by Montgomery County.

Our highest priority is for the health and well-being of our visitors and employees. We continue to monitor public health recommendations and work with the local and state government to reduce the expansion of the COVID-19 virus. SJRA will continue to monitor official sources and may enact additional restrictions if necessary.

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What impact will #COVID19 have on the war on "flushable" products?

Woodlands Water Agency COVID-19 Article



The Woodlands Villager

[Woodlands officials: water supply safe amid COVID-19 worries](#)

by: Jeff Forward

image source: www.chron.com

Patty Potty Reminds Everyone to Only Flush the 3Ps

During #COVID10 our wastewater treatment operators are experiencing a significant increase of "flushable" products that are making their way to the treatment facilities. As [Patty Potty](#) says, We want you to use these products, but we want you to dispose of them properly...#TrashEm don't Flush Em!



SJRA reminds everyone to follow Patty Potty's advice and only flush the 3Ps down the toilet. Anything else will clog drains, back up sewers, and cause sewage overflows.



#FACTS



Credible Sources

During #COVID19 it is important to monitor credible sources (like the CDC, EPA, or your local office of emergency management) for accurate public health announcements.



#FlattenTheCurve at Lake Conroe

Keeping Lake Conroe open and safe depends on all of us doing the right thing. Take Lt. Cade's advice and follow the rules!

[Tips to help Lake Conroe Stay Open During the Stay at Home Order](#)

Montgomery
County Officials
Continue to
Monitor

Coronavirus Outbreak

for more information
please contact the
Montgomery County
Public Health District
at 936-523-5020 or
visit their website at:
<https://mcphd-tx.org>.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS What You Need to Know

Coronavirus is a type of virus that causes diseases of varying severities, ranging from the common cold to more serious respiratory disease. A novel (new) coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus that hasn't been identified before in humans.

How is it spread?



Through coughing and sneezing



Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands



Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands



Because novel coronavirus is new, we are learning more each day about the transmission patterns and incubation periods



People who have traveled to or from Wuhan, China since December 1, 2019, could have been exposed to the virus. Seek medical care if you traveled to Wuhan and develop a fever and cough or respiratory symptoms within 14 days of your return.

What are the symptoms?



Fever



Cough



Difficulty Breathing



Severe Illness

How can I protect myself when I travel?

Travelers going outside the US

- Avoid animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

If you traveled to Wuhan and feel sick

- Stay home and avoid contact with others
- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Don't travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash.

image source: <https://mcphd-tx.org/>

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If you would like to know more about SJRA, what we do, and how we work for the community, check out our website www.sjra.net and follow us on social media [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](https://twitter.com/SanJacintoRiverAuthority), [@SJRA_1937](https://twitter.com/SJRA_1937), [@sanjacintoriverauthoritysjra](https://twitter.com/sanjacintoriverauthoritysjra).