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## **General Manager Michael R. Markus Statement on COVID-19**

“In an abundance of caution and to safeguard the health and safety of its employees and the community, OCWD is responding to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by implementing [measures to reduce the risk of workplace transmission](#).

“OCWD’s response plan will remain in effect through April 30, 2020 and will be re-evaluated at that time. As this is an emerging situation that is rapidly evolving, the plan is subject to change based on new information and guidance.

“COVID-19 does not impact the quality or supply of your drinking water. While it is always advisable to stock bottled water at home in case of emergencies that disrupt the water supply, the presence of the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water supplies and OCWD does not expect this health outbreak to disrupt service to local water providers.

“Your tap water meets strict state and federal guidelines. The District tests water from approximately 1,500 locations throughout the Orange County Groundwater Basin, analyzes more than 20,000 samples each year and reports more than 400,000 results to ensure your water meets rigorous water quality standards.

“Please contact your provider directly should you have questions about water treatment, or to obtain a copy of their [most recent water quality report](#).

“Visit [OCWD’s COVID-19 webpage](#) for additional information.”

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