



Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Drinking Water

The Green River, Rock Springs, Sweetwater County-Joint Powers Water Board (JPWB) supplies water to the Cities of Green River and Rock Springs, the consecutive service districts of White Mountain, Ten Mile, Clearview and Jamestown/Rio-Vista, and one industrial customer. It is the JPWB's responsibility to provide these systems with clean, safe, and reliable water.

The JPWB adheres to, and is compliant with, drinking water regulations that were established to prevent waterborne pathogens, such as a virus like COVID-19, from contaminating drinking water. The COVID-19 virus is susceptible to the treatment techniques and disinfection methods that have long been in use at the Green River Water Treatment Facility. For more information, please visit the Environmental Protection Agency's webpage at:

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>

The World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Water Works Association have identified that "the COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water". Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

It is imperative to be vigilant and prepared for the potential impacts associated with COVID-19. The JPWB has taken many steps in the recent weeks to help safeguard its systems. These steps include: additional cleaning and sanitation of common areas within the plant, updated planning to ensure continued operation of the water treatment plant, staffing redundancy and cross training.

This information is being provided to help inform the JPWB's customers and the people served by these water systems in Sweetwater County.