

Safe Water Supply and COVID-19 (Coronavirus) (this headline is inside a box on the top half of our website landing page. Visitors click to go to Laura’s message and will also see additional links following her message.)

A message from Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities:

People may react to news of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by purchasing large quantities of bottled water. While our City recommends keeping a 4-day supply of bottled water for an emergency kit in case of a natural disaster, it is not necessary to purchase bottled water to prepare for COVID-19. **Salt Lake City drinking water from the tap is safe, reliable, economical, and meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards. (add link to our water quality CCR pdf).**

Much information is circulating about transmission and spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities (SLCDPU) serves more than 360,000 residents with drinking water. We want to assure them that the drinking water supply is safe. It is vital to emphasize that data from the Centers for Disease Control, and both the Utah and Salt Lake County Health Departments has determined the virus is transmitted by air and spread person-to-person. There is no data to suggest water-borne transmission.

Our highest priority is the protection and stewardship of the water supply to maintain public health. We will always act transparently and communicate in a timely way with the public in the event of a disruption or compromise in water supply or distribution. But this is not the case with COVID-19. Even in the event of a large, local outbreak of the virus, our water, sewer, and stormwater systems would remain operational. This is due to proactive continuity of operations planning.

We value and appreciate the public trust and thank you for relying on SLCDPU for service and safety.

Please visit the following sites for additional and regularly updated information on COVID-19:

Centers for Disease Control:

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

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html>

Utah State Department of Health:

<https://health.utah.gov/coronavirus/latest-information>

Salt Lake County Health Department:

<https://slco.org/health/>

<https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/>

Thank you for keeping me in the loop regarding your messaging. We suggest, according to FEMA and CDC guidelines to always have:

1 Gallon per person per day (in SLC we suggest 4 days) as part of the emergency kit.

If you think it will be useful, the CDC also has a page dedicated to storage water, here is the link- [Water Storage CDC](#)