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### **City of Saginaw Continued Safe Drinking Water and Waste Water Services During State of Emergency**

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Please see the City of Saginaw information related to providing safe water during this coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic for water and waste water services:

We understand this is a stressful time for our community and for the households we serve. Please know that we are here for you and are committed to taking all steps necessary to maintain safe, reliable water service.

### **You can continue normal use of tap water**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that Americans continue to use and drink tap water as usual.

- COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water supplies.
- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): “Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.” The World Health Organization adds that the “presence of the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies and based on current evidence the risk to water supplies is low.”
- Handwashing using tap water is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19. CDC and other health organizations recommend frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Remember that your toilet should not be used as a trash can. Do not treat other

items like toilet paper. Please do not flush paper towels, “flushable” wipes, napkins, tampons, cotton balls, dental floss or other substances. Flushing non-biodegradable items can result in backups and overflows.

## **We are prepared to keep safe water flowing**

- We are well-prepared to continue providing water service throughout this pandemic. We have staff and infrastructure in place to maintain water service around the clock to help keep families healthy, clean and hydrated. We are taking action to protect our staff and maintain our ability to provide the safe reliable source of water needed.
- Given the importance of hygiene and sanitation to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have postponed water shutoffs until further notice.
- It’s also important to remember that when homes are returned to service after an extended period of time, thorough flushing may be required. Our staff are fully versed in flushing practices and they will work with you to properly flush lines when returned to service.

Click [here](#) to read further information from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Click [here](#) to read an important reminder from Drinktap on the importance of handwashing.

**For additional information on water and water quality, please  
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