



Press Release

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To: All Media Outlets

From: The Hazleton City Authority

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Hazleton City Authority - A message from the Hazleton City Authority, "To all of our customers, your water is treated and is safe to drink."



The Hazleton City Authority (HCA) would like to inform our customers who are rushing to get bottled water amid the **coronavirus outbreak** that drinking water delivered by the HCA system continues to be safe to drink.

“Public water systems (like the HCA) must meet stringent state and federal standards set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

EPA encourages the continued use of tap water, as COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water supplies. EPA has established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water. COVID-19 is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective.

“Due to the quality of our source water and treatment facilities, chlorine disinfection, and chlorine testing to ensure a chlorine residual in the distribution system, there is no concern about coronavirus being transmitted through our public water system.

Also, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.

When using disinfecting wipes, please discard them in the trash. Flushing wipes causes sewer problems for customers and sewer treatment plants.

Thank You,

The Hazleton City Board of Directors