



COVID-19 and WATER

The Division of Drinking Water has declared, “public water systems maintain and provide a safe and reliable drinking water supply. This is an essential service. Water operators are frontline personnel and should be prepared to address impacts to water supply due to any interruptions related to coronavirus.”

During the COVID-19 Pandemic BRWCD has been and will continue to follow the guidelines of the State Government as set forth by the Division of Drinking Water. Here are some of the highlights:

Continue to take the required compliance samples.

Stay stocked on chemical supplies.

Update/create detailed written instructions for crucial operations. BRWCD has a Pandemic Response Plan in place. We have made arrangements with neighboring water systems to have coverage from their certified water operators, if needed, and we can provide that service to them with our certified water operators.

Review/update Emergency Response Plans and contacts. BRWCD updates this plan on a regular basis.

Identify essential employees required to maintain continuous operation. In order to protect our system operators, they have been working independently of each other while taking care of our distribution systems. They have had limited access to the office.

Limit meetings, gatherings, and travel. Switch to virtual meetings or conferencing. BRWCD employees are in constant communication through electronic means. The March board meeting was held electronically. Because Box Elder County moved to the Yellow or Low Risk phase, in May the board meeting was held in the office conference room. Travel and training has been suspended or has been joined through electronic means.

