

## Water Flowing & Safe to Drink

In response to public concerns about disruptions in daily life attributed to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Westbury Water District officials reassure the public that the water will continue to flow from the taps, without interruption, and will remain safe to drink.

The CDC has been clear that there is no known risk to the quality of the public water supply that could result from coronavirus. Continued oversight; treatment processes; filtration systems; and controlled operation of the water distribution system, combined with its intrinsic design, provide multiple levels of protection from bacterial and viral contamination.

### **Multiple Levels of Protection**

The district's drinking water wells are situated hundreds of feet below the earth and constructed and maintained in a way that prevents intrusion by foreign substances. Additionally, sufficient positive pressure is sustained in the distribution and transmission system.

Disinfection; regular bacterial sampling; continuous chlorine and pH monitoring; cross-connection control and leak detection provide added layers of protection.

Outside labs and Nassau County Department of Health both conduct regular testing to ensure the district remains compliant with strict regulatory requirements set by state and federal governments.

### **Remote Accessibility Beneficial**

Water operators have total remote accessibility to the district's pumping system, which is fully integrated and computer controlled by a modern Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that ensures the water utility is operating at top efficiency at all times. Sophisticated alert and alarm controls; real-time visualization and monitoring; and structured treatment capabilities are just some of the many state-of-the-art features that have proven to be advantageous.

### **Staff Cross-Trained**

Westbury Water District is sufficiently staffed with an experienced team of licensed professional who are cross-trained in their respective disciplines and qualified to complete all the tasks necessary to keep the water supply system treated and running 24/7.

Health and safety precautions are in place for employees; treatment supplies and equipment are well stocked. For extraordinary circumstances, the district is backed by mutual aid agreements with area public water purveyors throughout New York State that are capable of providing needed support or materials.

### **Bottled Water Not Needed**

As residents are staying more at home and limiting their time in public places, the convenience and availability of safe, clean water flowing from the tap is invaluable. There is no need to purchase bottled water. The product provided by the Westbury Water District costs an average of \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons. It is routinely tested for more than 135 quality standards, continually meets strict government regulations and remains safe to drink.

### **COVID-19 Info & Guidance**

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

Nassau County Department of Health: [www.nassaucountyny.gov](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov)

### Coronavirus Call Centers

New York State: 1-(888) 364-3065

Nassau County: (516) 227-9570