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In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19), Silicon Valley Clean Water is implementing its pandemic emergency response plan. To help protect our employees, the public which we serve and the general public at large, we support all efforts needed to stop the spread of germs, including COVID-19.

SVCW treatment plant workers are highly trained individuals whose emphasis on hygiene is inherent in our daily tasks. By nature of the work we do, wastewater treatment workers are commonly exposed to disease-causing organisms that could result in an infection. Routine practices are followed to prevent exposure to wastewater, including using engineering controls, safe work practices, and personal protective equipment.

In recognition of the increased risk at this time, SVCW is restricting large group gatherings and non-essential travel, and instead holding meetings via remote tele-conferencing when possible. We have increased our disinfection processes and are providing staff with disinfecting agents. I encourage everyone to keep apprised of what's occurring in our community with respect to COVID-19 and to take precautions as required.

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Helpful Resources:

<https://www.wef.org/news-hub/current-priorities/coronavirus/>

<https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

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