



## Middlesex County Utilities Authority Responds to COVID-19

As a community entity, the health and safety of our employees and the public is our top priority at the MCUA. Sharing information about what we are doing to reduce the risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) exposure is critical.

As part of our standard emergency planning and preparedness program, we have initiated a multi-level response to address the situation. The operations of the MCUA including both wastewater and safely collecting and disposing of solid waste, will not be suspended and our facilities will remain open.

We have plans in place to support our daily operations at both of our Central Treatment Plant located in Sayreville and at the Middlesex County Landfill located in East Brunswick. Many of our employees are cross trained to provide additional support to essential operations.

### Protecting our Employees:

We need to ensure that our employees and their families are healthy and safe so they can continue to focus on the operations of our essential wastewater and solid waste services. Specific actions being taken include implementing social distancing practices, relocating essential personnel to different operations to limit crowding, increasing cleaning efforts at both of our facilities, encouraging video and teleconferencing including canceling or suspending large meetings for several upcoming weeks.

### Public Meetings:

The public board meeting schedule can be found on our website at <http://www.mcu.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-MCUA-Meeting-Schedule.pdf>.

In addition, all tours, classes and events hosted by the MCUA are currently canceled through August 2020. Our participation in educational and community events are also canceled through August.

### Common Questions:

Question: With the toilet paper shortage, can I use flushable wipes?

Answer: Flushable wipes should never be flushed even if the product labels it is safe to flush. Flushable wipes cause blockages and backups. If you are out of toilet paper and need to use flushable wipes, it is advised to dispose of them in the trash and to not flush them.

Question: Can COVID-19 spread through sewerage systems?

Answer: According to the CDC, the CDC is reviewing all data on COVID-19 transmission as information comes available. As this time, the risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 through sewerage systems is thought to be low. For more information from the CDC about COVID-19 and water transmission, please visit their website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>.