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### Information on COVID-19 for Sewage Industry Professionals March 19, 2020

**For the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on COVID-19, including national preparedness and response, please visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)**

- Guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states there is no evidence to suggest that additional COVID-19 specific protections are needed for employees in wastewater management operations, and OSHA encourages workers follow routine practices to prevent exposure to wastewater.
  - **Source:** [www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html)
- Guidance from the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that the risk of transmission of COVID-19 from the feces of an infected person is expected to be low based on data from previous outbreaks...workers should use standard practices of basic hygiene precautions (e.g. handwashing) and wear personal protective equipment as prescribed for specific work tasks.
  - **Source:** [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html)

Additional resources:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>



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