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McAllen's Tap Water Safe During Vector Pandemic

Water from McAllen Public Utility continues to be safe, even during crisis

McAllen Public Utility, which daily provides water service to over 40,000 residential and business accounts throughout the city, wants to assure the public that during the coronavirus global pandemic, the tap water from your faucet continues to be safe for all household and business needs, including cooking, washing, bathing and yes, especially drinking.

"Our MPU water is the same healthy water that we have been delivering to our customers since before the COVID-19 crisis began," said Mark Vega, MPU general manager. "In fact, during this time, it is more important than ever to turn to your public utility system, instead of creating panic and chaos at our grocery retail stores by stockpiling bottled water."

The water source for the McAllen Public Utility and in fact, for all municipalities throughout the Rio Grande Valley continues to be the Rio Grande. This water is treated through a very rigorous and effective process that makes it safe and clean to drink all year-round. The MPU treatment facility is operational and operating at a capacity of 60 million gallons a day, providing the water necessary for all residents and businesses to continue to do their daily chores and their daily water intake.

This water is safe for everyone to drink.

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