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**For Immediate Release**

**THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
PWS NJ #1424001**

***Coronavirus and Drinking Water***

(Cedar Knolls, NJ) — The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA), which provides water for portions of Morris County, New Jersey, is writing to update consumers about coronavirus (or COVID-19) and how it relates to the drinking (tap) water supplied by SMCMUA as provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

EPA has issued the message below on its website regarding COVID-19 and drinking water.

*“The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies. Based on current evidence, the risk to water supplies is low. **Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual.**”*

*EPA has established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water and wastewater. Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective. EPA is coordinating with our federal partners, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and will continue to provide technical assistance and support, as appropriate.”*

SMCMUA has provided the link to EPA’s webpage on its website at [www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org) under Water Quality. In the event that there is an issue with the water supply, SMCMUA would notify consumers as required by both the Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Act. SMCMUA encourages all customers to confirm that SMCMUA has accurate account contact information and that all consumers of the water supply register for SMCMUA emergency alerts using Smart911®, instructions are provided below.

**How to determine if you or someone you know receives water from SMCMUA.** SMCMUA’s service area includes Hanover Township, the Borough of Morris Plains, Morris Township, the Town of Morristown and certain properties located in the Townships of Chatham, Mendham, Harding, Randolph and Parsippany Troy-Hills and in the Borough of Florham Park. The Authority also provides water to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) for distribution to certain MCMUA wholesale customers. If you are unsure whether SMCMUA services a specific property, contact Customer Service at 973-326-6880.

**How to update your Customer Account Contact Information.** Account holders should contact SMCMUA’s Customer Service Division at 973-326-6880 to confirm that their information is accurate or go to SMCMUA’s website at [www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org) and choose “Update Account Information” on their home page.

**How to register with Smart911® for SMCMUA Emergency Alerts.** SMCMUA encourages members of the community who are not the account holders, as well as those who are, who are reliant on the water supply to setup a Smart911® account for themselves, family members or for those in need of assistance. Users can enter multiple addresses, can choose to have messages translated in languages other than English, and can setup an account for someone else who would otherwise be unable to register and to receive these notifications on their behalf.

To register for Smart911® either go to SMCMUA’s website at [www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org) and choose “Register for Citizen Alerts” or go to Morris County’s website at <https://oem.morriscountynj.gov/alerts> and choose Morris County **Alert** Morris Smart911® Notification System (<https://oem.morriscountynj.gov/alerts> ).

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#### SMCMUA CONTACT INFORMATION

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[www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org)

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*SMCMUA was established in December of 1976. SMCMUA provides drinking water to approximately 62,000 consumers in Morris County. The SMCMUA creating municipalities are the Town of Morristown, the Township of Morris, the Township of Hanover and the Borough of Morris Plains.*