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The COVID-19 health emergency has prompted panic buying of bottled water that has emptied store shelves and sown confusion over water safety. But the Public Policy Institute of California wants to reassure the public that, “the virus is not a danger to our public water supplies.”

The safety of the municipal water supply has been confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which provides water to 19 million people living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

The agency’s multi-step treatment process includes filtration and disinfection using ozone and chlorine. “This advanced process removes and kills viruses, including coronaviruses, as well as bacteria and other pathogens,” explained Metropolitan Water District General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger.

“The novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, does not present a threat to the safety of Metropolitan’s treated water supplies.” — Jeffrey Kightlinger, Metropolitan Water District

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