The Texas Water™ 2020 Conference and Exhibition is scheduled to take place, as planned, March 31-April 3, 2020, in Fort Worth, Texas.

The management of both Texas AWWA and WEAT are closely monitoring the COVID-19 (also known as coronavirus) outbreak and are following the guidance from worldwide, Texas and local health organizations and experts. We are fully committed to taking appropriate precautions to provide a safe and healthy environment for attendees.

The threat in Texas is still listed as low and there are no cases in Tarrant County. This can change at any time.

We have been working closely with the Fort Worth Convention Center and support their plans to implement additional onsite tools for registrants, exhibitors and onsite personnel, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Increased availability of hand sanitizing stations
- Increased cleaning and disinfection process across all high-volume touchpoints (catering areas, surfaces, handrails, restrooms, entrances/exits, etc.) along with the use of cleaning/sanitizing materials and products
- Increased labor to specifically assigned to clean high-volume touch points
- Awareness campaign via onsite information and signage
- Create an environment to promote a ‘touch-free’ exhibition and conference:
  - Communicating the adoption of a ‘no-handshake policy’
  - Reduce/eliminate business card exchanges
    - Exhibitors: Use your mobile devices for gathering leads electronically from attendee badges.
    - Attendees: Use available technologies like Texas Water™ mobile app, AirDrop or other available services to share contact information.

We strongly urge exhibitors and attendees to implement appropriate guidelines and protocols as suggested by all State and local health authorities. The management of WEAT and TAWWA will continue to monitor health advisories and endeavor to provide a safe and healthy environment for all attendees of Texas Water™ 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact us texwater@texas.net.

**Additional information:**

Texas Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS): [COVID-19 webpage](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/)

Centers for Disease Control: [COVID-19 webpage](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/)

Tarrant County Public Health: [COVID-19 webpage](https://www.tarrant.gov/health/)