

## UTWARN Assistance Request

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The current state of response to the COVID-19 virus means that water and wastewater systems must commit themselves as first responders to the protection of the public's health. The uninterrupted continuation of water and wastewater service within all communities is vital.

There may be systems, that due to an outbreak of COVID-19 require operational assistance. Accordingly, the Utah Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (UTWARN) is compiling a pool of certified water and wastewater operators who might be available to provide emergency on-site assistance to other systems.

This assistance could require the responder to relocate to the requesting system for up to 14 days. Water systems and the responding operator should be prepared to keep detailed records of their response for reimbursement either through the requesting system or other available funding.

UTWARN is administered through the Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU). Communications regarding this matter should therefore be through the RWAU office. Your system need not be a member of UTWARN nor RWAU to respond to this message.

If an operator is available for this effort their name, certifications and certification levels along with contact information should be sent by email to [rwau@rwau.net](mailto:rwau@rwau.net) . There is no requirement that you respond if you reply to this request

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

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