

## SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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## **2021 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

For the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

(Including data for Fair Harbor, Riverside, Brentwood, Stony Brook, Dering Harbor and East Farmingdale Water Districts)

## Dear Suffolk County Water Authority Customer:

In the following pages you will find the Suffolk County Water Authority's 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report. The report contains all the information you need about the quality of the water we provide to your home or business.

In 2020, once again, SCWA provided drinking water that meets or surpasses all state and federal regulations, despite the immense challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The virus itself posed no threat to your drinking water since it's an airborne virus, not a waterborne virus.

However, the pandemic did result in tremendous challenges to the continuity of SCWA operations. In order to make sure we were able to continue to provide you high quality water all throughout this crisis, we implemented innovative strategies to stagger work shifts and create flexible work schedules to decrease the number of employees in the office at any given time. This protected employee health, allowing us to continue to conduct our vital water quality testing uninterrupted.

SCWA's water quality laboratory is the best in the nation. We hold ourselves to higher standards for water quality than federal and state regulations require. Our laboratory in 2020 tested for 414 chemical constituents, 265 more than required by regulators. We also analyzed 95,328 samples that produced 203,136 test results. Again in 2020, we conducted far more water quality tests than required by law. Our commitment to you is to always provide you high quality drinking water that is tested seven days a week. No other water supplier tests more than SCWA.

This report is available online in an interactive design that allows you to find water quality information quickly and easily. If you have any questions about this report, please call us at 631-698-9500 and our customer service representatives will be happy to assist you.

Patrick G. Halpin, Chairman, Suffolk County Water Authority

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