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# CONCERNING COVID: WHY ARE DRINKING FOUNTAINS TURNED OFF AS A PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19?

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**Question:** Why are drinking fountains turned off as a protection against COVID-19?

**Answer:**

COVID-19 is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) with one another and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. [Source](#)

**Fact Summary:**

*SARS-Cov-2 is mainly spread through person to person transmission via when someone coughs or sneezes. However, SARS-Cov-2 can stay on surfaces and spread through human orifices. Water fountains can also create artificial droplets that would serve as transmission vehicles for the virus. Water bottle fillers, on the other hand, limit the chance of this happening by the nature of how they are used. By turning off all on campus fountains, it could help prevent the spread of SARS-Cov-2.*

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