

# Wastewater Challenges Amid COVID-19

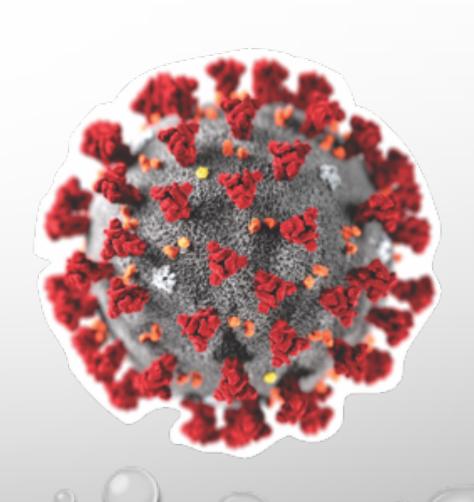


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#### COVID-19 AND YOUR WASTEWATER FACILITY

- The growing threat of COVID-19 has created a new set of problems for the wastewater industry
  - Increased use of baby wipes
  - Alternatives to toilet paper
  - Problems with nitrification
- The most likely cause is increased loading of surfactants, disinfectants and sanitizers
- So what now?





#### **NITRIFICATION**

- Nitrification is essential in wastewater operations
- It is the conversion of ammonia to nitrate

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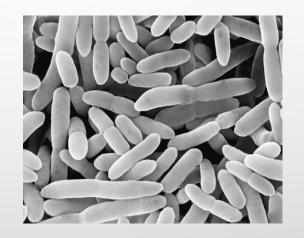
- Domestic sewage typically has 20-40 mg/L of ammonia
  - Effluent limitations on ammonia vary by state
- Without nitrification, there is no ammonia removal leading to fines from state regulators and polluted waterways
  - Ammonia may be toxic to fish at concentrations as low as 0.02 mg/L



#### FRAGILITY OF NITRIFYING BACTERIA

- Nitrifying bacteria are a very sensitive lifeform
- Healthy populations of nitrifiers thrive only in very specific conditions
- Nitrifiers respond to tiny environmental changes and may be faltering under the increased load of sanitary products to wastewater facilities

	Functional Range	Optimal Range
Temperature (°C)	10-45	28-32
pН	6.5-8.5	7.2-8
D.O. (mg/L)	0.5-1.5	1.5-4







#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Nothing
  - Wait and see what happens
  - Sometimes nitrifiers recover on their own
- Risky
  - Violations in ammonia limits
  - WETT test failure
  - May have to write a letter to your state regulators
  - Fish kill in receiving water = bad press





# WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Make and operational change
  - Increase the amount of RAS
  - Doesn't work if the nitrifying bugs are already dead





## WHAT YOU CAN DO - OUR RECOMMENDATION

- Introduce a new community of nitrifying bacteria
- 1) Sludge transplant
  - Can be risky
  - You never truly know what you might be getting from other facilities
    - Filamentous bacteria





#### WHAT YOU CAN DO - OUR RECOMMENDATION

- 2) BioLynceus® ProBiotic Scrubber® NN
  - Safely reintroduces a diverse population of nitrifying bacteria to your wastewater facility
  - Good, clean bugs





# PROBIOTIC SCRUBBER® NN

- ProBiotic Scrubber<sup>®</sup> NN is engineered to enhance nitrification by using several different species of nitrifying bacteria – IT'S ALIVE!
- Having ProBiotic Scrubber<sup>®</sup> NN on hand to reseed your plant quickly when required is a good proactive strategy
- Ordering ProBiotic Scrubber<sup>®</sup> NN now can provide much needed insurance for your wastewater facility





# PROBIOTIC SCRUBBER® NN

- Available in 5-gallon pails, 30- & 55- gallon drums, 275- & 330-gallons totes
- Ready to ship today





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