

The CCSD Quick Guide to

# Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operations

Based on updated CDC Guidance ([cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus))



## What You Should Know

As a result of required business and building closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, water use has plummeted, especially in the commercial sector. The CDC has recently updated guidelines regarding the reopening of buildings after prolonged shutdown or reduced operations.

Stagnant water in building plumbing can become unsafe to drink and unsuitable for potable water applications. Certain pathogens, such as *Legionella* bacteria, can grow when water temperatures lower and disinfectant residuals drop. Other chemistry changes in stagnant water may increase corrosion and leaching of metals, including lead, and may cause the formation of disinfectant by-products.



# 8 Water Quality Tips for a Safe Reopening

DEVELOP  
A PLAN



CHECK  
YOUR  
WATER  
HEATER



FLUSH  
YOUR  
SYSTEM



CLEAN  
DECORATIVE  
FEATURES



CHECK  
YOUR  
SPA



CLEAN  
COOLING  
TOWERS



MAINTAIN  
SAFETY  
EQUIPMENT



MAINTAIN  
WATER  
SYSTEM



[View the full CDC Guidance for Reopening Here](#)

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## **Other Public Resources**

Centers for Disease Control

Environmental Protection Agency

California Department of Public Health

County of San Luis Obispo