

Water Systems and Water Wells Re-Opening

Review the following the CDC guidance for reopening water systems after a period of time where water may have become stagnant. Also consult with EGLE as to water sampling and possible requirements that may have for Type II Wells.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>

Foodservice establishments:

Short closure with fully pressurized water:

- Flush hot and cold water through all points of use . Flushing may need to occur in segments (e.g., floors or individual rooms) due to facility size and water pressure. The purpose of building flushing is to replace all water inside building piping with fresh water
- Flush until the hot water reaches its maximum temperature
- If you have an established well schedule with your health department- KEEP IT

Seasonal Business:

- Follow standard opening procedures, visit the website of the health department that licenses your establishment

Camp grounds- follow standard opening procedures https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_71151_71481_51087_3663---,00.html

If your water system lost pressure or if you have a water leak- you must correct the issue, and receive permission from your local health department to re-open.

Hotel Guidance:

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Considerations for Hotel Owners and Managers: How to Prevent Legionnaires' Disease

<https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/wmp/hotel-owners-managers.html>

https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_71151_71481_51087_3732---,00.html

Operating Public Hot Tubs for pool staff and owners

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/aquatics-professionals/operating-public-hot-tubs.html>

Ensure hot tubs/spas are safe for use

1. Check for existing guidelines from your local or state regulatory agency before use
2. Ensure that hot tubs/spas are free of visible slime or biofilm before filling with water
3. Perform a hot tub/spa disinfection procedure before use
4. CDC Guidance (start at Step 4): <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/hot-tub-disinfection.pdf> [pdf icon](#)