

August 14, 2020

St. Louis County COVID-19 Update

Water Quality Assurance

As announced by Dr. Page this morning, the Department of Public Health is recommending that building owners and managers take steps to minimize water stagnation during closure. The concern stems from the quality of water that can be compromised when sitting in building plumbing systems for extended periods of time. This can result in possible sediment build-up in pipes, leading to possible mechanical issues and bacterial growth. That bacterial growth can also occur in water treatment equipment such as softeners and filters, plumbing fixtures and hot water heaters that have not been in use regularly.

Legionella, a pathogenic bacteria that can cause serious and life-threatening diseases, thrives in stagnant water. To protect the health of employees, water should be flushed through a facility's plumbing system to remove any stagnant water.

Please contact your local water utility, [Missouri American Water](#), about water quality issues and to coordinate maintenance activities. A complete set of guidelines from DPH will be posted on [stlcorona.com](#) on Monday.

Pop-Up Testing Locations

The following COVID-19 pop-up testing locations are scheduled for the month of August. Testing is by appointment only and can be made online [here](#). All pop-up testing locations are between the hours of 8:00 am and noon.

Mehlville High School

3200 Lemay Ferry Rd.

Saint Louis, MO 63125

Saturday and Sunday, August 15th and 16th

North Kirkwood Middle School

11287 Manchester Rd.

Kirkwood, MO 63122

Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and 23rd

Gotsch Middle School

8348 South Laclede Station Rd.

St. Louis, MO, 63123

Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th

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