

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you to those who attended the town hall meeting on July 13, 2023. We appreciate your participation and your questions. You can view the [town hall recording](#) and the [questions and answers](#) from the meeting on the [DGS Legionella Action Plan site](#).

We wanted to provide an update on the latest tests performed July 6, 2023, by the environmental health consulting firm, FACS. Final results show that while Legionella was not detected in most samples, six locations did test positive. Four of those locations already had appropriate filters for the fixtures, and were tested with the filters off. The fifth location's drinking fountain now has a filter installed. It's worth noting that all drinking fountains now have filters. The sixth positive sample was taken on the roof and does not represent a risk for occupant exposure as there is no exposure point where water is accessible. These findings are not unexpected. The Department of General Services (DGS) continues to follow specific recommendations provided by FACS for ongoing mitigation.

As a result of the positive test results, DGS will continue our remediation efforts while simultaneously implementing a water management plan so the building water system will meet the Centers for Disease Control's criteria for Legionella growth being "well-controlled."

As mentioned above, finding detectable levels of Legionella on subsequent testing is not unexpected as a building undergoes Legionella mitigation efforts. The building's water fixture filters are serving an important role in preventing exposure to Legionella. The California Department of Public Health continues to assess the risk of Legionella exposure in the building as low, and, as a result, the building remains open.

As always, your health and well-being are our primary concern. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns at SDMissionValleyBuidling@dgs.ca.gov. You can also find more information on the [DGS Legionella Action Plan site](#).

In partnership,

California Department of Public Health and California Department of General Services

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