

REOPENING CLOSED BUILDINGS: FLUSH PLUMBING TO ENSURE WATER QUALITY

City Efforts to Prevent COVID-19 Transmission

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As our community begins to reopen businesses and facilities that have been vacant for several weeks, building operators should take steps to flush their plumbing to ensure water quality in their facility. Stagnant water is a potential health risk and can impact water quality. Buildings that have shut down or significantly reduced their water use have increased the risk of Legionella bacteria growth and the leaching of heavy metals from the building's plumbing system.



Flush plumbing before re-opening businesses.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to ensure that building water systems are properly managed after a prolonged shutdown. This guidance can be found on the City's website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water.

Each building is unique and actions to flush private water lines will depend on the complexity of private systems, plumbing configurations, water use patterns, and fixtures. The CDC has guidance specific to pools and spas, hotels, healthcare facilities, cooling towers, HVAC systems, water heaters, p-traps, and more. If your facility contracts with a water treatment specialist, contact them to determine what steps need to be taken to recommission your facility.

The purpose of building flushing is to replace all stagnant water inside building piping with fresh water. If, during flushing, you experience discolored water, continue to run the water until it becomes clear. Water used during flushing is

typically minimal and does not tend to impact your billed consumption. General flushing guidelines include:

- Flush cold water through all points of use (e.g., hose bibs, showers, sink faucets) for several minutes. If flushing a hose bib, direct the water to the landscape if possible.
- Then flush hot water until it reaches its maximum temperature.
- Flushing may need to occur in segments (e.g., floors or individual rooms) due to facility size and water pressure.
- Determine if your water heater manufacturer recommends draining the water heater after a prolonged period of disuse. Ensure that all maintenance activities are carried out according to the manufacturer's instructions or by professionals.
- Make sure that your water heater is set to 120°F - 130°F
- After flushing, if you have any point of entry water treatment system, such as a water softener or filter, replacement of the filters may be necessary.

The City's water system is built and operated using the latest treatment technology to effectively remove and disinfect all bacteria and viruses, including COVID-19. The City uses chlorine as a residual disinfectant to ensure water quality throughout the water system. However, chlorine dissipates over time reducing its disinfection capacity. Water that has entered a building and remains stagnant for several weeks is at risk of elevated bacteria levels as well as leaching metals from the building's pipes.

For more information on the City's water quality, please visit the website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water or call the Water Resources Laboratory at (805) 568-1008.

LAP SWIMMING AT LOS BAÑOS DEL MAR POOL NOW OPEN

Los Baños del Mar Pool is open for lap swimming with modified rules. This modified reopening is in accordance with recent Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health orders issued that provided new guidance for essential businesses and recreation facilities.

Lane assignments must be booked online in advance; to reserve a spot, please visit <https://bit.ly/LosBanosSignUp>. Lane capacity will be limited to one swimmer per lane, which means fewer people will be able use the pool at one time and the pool will not operate at full, pre-COVID capacity.



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BE A SBA HEALTHY TRAVELER

Santa Barbara Airport and its airline partners are preparing for a new normal for those who travel by air. After a number of weeks of nearly empty skies nationwide, both airlines and major airports are reporting increasing demand for flights. Even at SBA, the number of travelers is beginning to slowly increase.

In preparation, SBA is launching its 'Be a SBA Healthy Traveler' initiative that includes a number of common sense expectations for those who travel, as well as anyone who visits the Airport to drop off or pick up a friend or family member. These include:

- **Wear a face covering in the terminal** – a face covering will be required to enter the terminal and fly with any one of SBA's airlines. All Airport visitors and airline employees also are required to wear a face covering. If you forget a face covering, the Airport and airlines will be providing disposable face masks beginning on May 15th
- **Maintain a safe distance from others** – look for helpful signs and decals in the terminal. Airlines also will follow new boarding procedures to increase distance. Follow all Airline employee directions.
- **Travel with hand sanitizer to use on hands and hard surfaces** – the TSA now allows 12 oz. containers onboard. Use it to disinfect your hands or anything you touch. If you don't have hand sanitizer, it will be available at multiple locations in the Airport.
- **And most importantly, do not travel if you have any symptoms of illness** – all of SBA's airlines waive booking fees if you need to delay your flight.

In addition, SBA is making a number of significant changes in the terminal to make a visit to the Airport as safer – or safer – than a visit to the grocery store. Some of the changes are:

- Nightly mist disinfectant cleaning in the terminal
- Increased disinfecting of high-touch surfaces such as escalator handrails and elevator buttons
- "Counter Guards" to shield interactions at ticketing and gate counters (anticipated in early June)
- Increased queuing area where available, stanchions to space travelers
- Increased seat spacing and/or seating removal in hold rooms
- Increased table seating space in restaurant, more grab n' go food (anticipated early June)

Changes in the terminal and passenger and employee cooperation, in combination with the airlines' new protocols make the likelihood of contracting COVID-19 or any illness very low. The Airport's newsstand/gift shop is open for passenger's convenience and can offer water, soft drinks and a variety of snacks for flights as in-flight food service may be limited onboard. The full-service restaurant remains temporarily closed.



Face coverings
ARE REQUIRED
at SBA



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Airport launches efforts to provide a COVID-19 safe travel experience by requiring face coverings for travelers.

CITY POSTPONES INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS UNTIL 2021



The City has postponed its annual Independence Day Fireworks show until 2021 because of COVID-19.

Across the nation, countless localities have canceled major gatherings of people in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, our City is not immune.

Heeding guidance from state and county public health officials, on Monday, May 18, 2020, the Santa Barbara City Council gave direction to the City's Waterfront Director to cancel this year's July 4th fireworks display. Prior July Fourth celebrations have attracted tens of thousands of people to our beaches and waterfront neighborhoods.

It is in the interest of public health and safety for all residents, first responders, and city staff, to postpone the show until next year. Although the situation is always changing, public health officials are estimating -- to be safe -- large public gatherings -- are not likely to be endorsed until the New Year.

The City and Waterfront Department will now focus on making next year's celebration even grander.

HELP KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAN



Dumping large items on the street is illegal and could result in fines.

While we find ourselves with a lot more time to clean out some of those lingering items in our homes, it's important to remember that dumping anything on the street is illegal and could result in fines. If your intention is to give something away for free, please post it to one of the many online marketplaces and coordinate pickup with the "buyer." Unwanted items can be dropped off at either the County transfer station at 4430 Calle Real or MarBorg's C&D facility at 119 N. Quarantina, or you can schedule one of your twice a year Bulky Item Pickups by calling (805) 963-1852. Please keep our streets clean and report any illegal dumping you see by calling (805) 963-1852.