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## **Water Hygiene during COVID-19 partial closure or closure (19-03-20)**

We are aware that schools and some other occupancy buildings may or will soon be having to operate at a much lower occupancy than normal whilst still trying to maintain safe and compliant water services for the building users that remain. Even if the building is to be effectively unused then we still recommend the systems are maintained as below to ensure they remain safe and biofilm formation is controlled

Hydraclean recommend the following action is taken to ensure water quality and systems are maintained in a safe condition and will be ready and safe for use when the situation returns to normal.

- Ensure weekly flushing of all little used outlets is maintained. This can be further assisted by draining and refilling any CWS Tanks that feed these outlets before the flushing works to ensure fresh water is drawn through the system. Mains fed systems should be flushed until the outlets are within 2<sup>0</sup>C of the incoming mains / nearest tap after 2 minutes of running.
- When flushing showers do so with the spray heads / spray inserts removed to increase flow and reduce aerosols
- Continue to operate hot water cylinders as normal and ensure the secondary circulation is running.
- Continue with normal monitoring routines and if microbiological results are elevated then review the above control measures.

In certain buildings the decision may be taken to mothball the water services completely. Hydraclean can assist with this by advising on dosing of systems and re-commissioning systems safely.