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Hello directors, chief deputy directors, and others:

I would like to share an important update as we continue to navigate the Legionella issues at the Mission Valley building located at 7575 Metropolitan Avenue in San Diego.

As you are aware, after DGS received a report on April 10 of Legionnaire's disease in a person associated with the building, we immediately closed the building and began working with local and state public health officials. During this building closure, DGS conducted additional testing and the Department of Industrial Relations engaged a contractor to conduct further testing. The tests, which took place April 17 and 18 during the closure, revealed elevated levels of legionella bacteria.

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DGS does not have information about the individual reported to have contracted the disease, and if we did, privacy laws would prevent us from sharing it. DGS and CDPH are confident the building is safe to occupy and has been since April 21, when the building's pipes were thoroughly flushed, medical-grade filters were installed to prevent the escape of any bacteria from all building spigots and faucets, and all aerators were replaced.

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In the interest of providing as much information as possible, a state team including DGS and CDPH will hold a virtual town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 9. At this meeting, we will walk you through what DGS did and is doing; CDPH will share information on legionella; and we will offer tenants the chance to ask additional questions that have not previously been answered. Additional details regarding the town hall will be sent later this week. In addition, we continue to answer questions through the dedicated email box: SDMissionValleyBuilding@dgs.ca.gov.

Thank you for your collaboration as we communicate this important information to our employees. We remain committed to sharing as much information as possible as we receive it.

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