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Hello directors, chief deputy directors, and others. We will be reopening the 7575 Metropolitan Drive location in San Diego on Monday, April 24, 2023.

As you know, on April 10, 2023, DGS was notified that a person associated with the building was reported to have contracted Legionnaires' disease. Out of an abundance of caution, we closed the building to coordinate with public health officials and our environmental consultant on best steps to ensure the safety of staff and those visiting the building. Below are the steps we took in response to mitigate the above recent concerns:

1. On April 14, 2023, we tested city/county water to verify acceptable chlorine levels (the chlorine levels found met industry standards).
2. On April 17, 2023, the four locations where trace amounts of legionella were previously found during initial sampling in February were retested, and on April 18, 2023, filters were placed on two of the faucets in those areas and tests were performed again. **These locations had already undergone remediation in March as recommended by our environmental consultant.**
3. Our environmental consultant flushed all pipes in the building's water system with a chemical treatment on Thursday, April 20, 2023.
4. Filters have been placed on all faucets and shower heads. These filters are hospital-grade and will not allow any bacteria to exit the faucets/showerheads.
5. Drinking fountain water is safe. The fountain water temperature was measured and found to have exceeded industry cooling standards – below 68 degrees. We will monitor the chillers in these fountains regularly and any fountain not measured at the appropriate temperature level will be addressed quickly (shut down and/or repaired).
6. DGS will continue to test the building's water system regularly for legionella and regularly flush our water lines in accordance with industry best practices.
7. DGS will also begin operating beyond current requirements by implementing a comprehensive water management plan in conjunction with California Department of Public Health recommendations.

Throughout this process, DGS has relied on the expertise of our environmental consultant, as well as consultations with the California Department of Public Health, and Cal/OSHA to ensure that our actions are aligned with best practices and the recommendations of experts in this field. **For these reasons, we are confident that it is safe for the building to be reoccupied.** However, we

are deferring to departmental leadership to determine the timeframe under which they ask their staff to return.

In order to answer the many questions we know you will have regarding this incident, DGS is establishing a monitored email inbox to which interested parties can pose questions. The inbox address is:

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