

How do I ensure water systems are safe against Legionella after a period of closure?

- ✓ All precautions must be taken to ensure water systems are safe to prevent the risk of infections derived from water such as Legionnaire's disease
- ✓ If the water is directly connected to the main water supply, flushing of the water system by opening all taps for a few minutes should suffice
- ✓ If the supply of water is through a roof tank, this should be cleaned and the water system flushed through for a few minutes. It is important that the water heater temperature is raised to 60°C. There is no need to take samples and get approval from the Environmental Health Directorate
- ✓ If the shop forms part of a complex or a hotel and the water supply is through the complex or hotel main water system, please follow the procedures outlined in Annex 1 of the Mitigation Measures for Hairdressers, Barbers, Nail Technicians, Nail Artists and Restaurants on www.covid19health.gov.mt

