Before re-occupying any building (including restaurants) the Plumbing Industry Council, MCA of Eastern MO and Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562 want to ensure the building’s water and air are safe for occupants pursuant to CDC and ASHRAE Guidelines.

To help safeguard against waterborne pathogens, a licensed, signatory plumbing contractor should check the following:

- **Plumbing fixtures** (faucets, showerheads, hose bibs, clean ice machines, etc.)
- **Drains**
- **P-Traps**
- **Backflow devices**
- **Rubber parts**
- **Flush valves**
- **Decorative Fountains & Water Features**
- **Hot Water Heaters**

It is recommended to flush the hot and cold-water systems before opening the building to occupants. This will minimize the chances of transmission of Legionella bacteria and any other microorganisms to humans. In addition, water quality testing may also be necessary.

To help safeguard against airborne pathogens, a licensed, signatory mechanical contractor should check the following:

- **Change HVAC Filters**
- **Check Air Quality**
- **Disinfect Air Distribution Systems (if necessary)**

It is recommended to run the HVAC system on max fresh (outside air) for 24 hours before resetting the system.