

Since the Government announced its four stage road map out of lockdown, residents and businesses will have seen restrictions start to lift from 8 March onwards. As we move through each stage and restrictions continue to ease, businesses and those responsible for buildings are reminded of their maintenance responsibilities prior to reopening.

As a result of reduced building occupancy during this latest lockdown period there is an increased risk of Legionella bacteria being present in the water systems. Legionnaires' disease can be caught through inhaling airborne droplets of water where the bacteria is present. Men over 50, smokers, those with chronic lung disease or weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable.

Those who own or are responsible for building maintenance are being asked to help minimise the risk from Legionella as they prepare to open. Please see the latest advice below regarding re-commissioning water systems.

Government's Guidance to reopening businesses and venues in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england/reopening-businesses-and-venues>

General Guidance

<https://www.cieh.org/media/4208/legionella-guidance-covid-19.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-organisations-on-supplying-safe-water-supplies>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/legionella-risks-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/legionnaires/index.htm>

Template Risk Assessment



SME
recommissioning RA

Swimming pools, paddling pools, splash parks & hot tubs

<https://www.pwtag.org/guidance-on-temporary-pool-closure/>

<https://www.pwtag.org/disinfecting-coronavirus/>

<https://www.pwtag.org/paddling-pool-splash-park-management-tn51/>

<https://www.pwtag.org/swimming-pool-technical-operation-after-covid-19-shutdown/>

<https://www.pwtag.org/technical-notes/>

<https://www.pwtag.org/spa-hot-tub-technical-operation-after-covid-19-shutdown-tn47/>

Re-opening guidance

Salons & Spas

<https://www.cieh.org/media/4309/salons-reopening-guidance-covid-19.pdf>

Food Businesses

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/reopening-checklist-for-food-businesses-during-covid-19>