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TO: School Superintendents and School Facility Managers

FROM: Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division

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SUBJECT: Flushing Your School Plumbing System Before Resuming Class

Due to Executive Order 2020-35, which suspends face-to-face learning at K-12 schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the drinking water system within a school building will not be under typical daily use for an extended period until class resumes. Water stagnation may affect the quality of drinking water; therefore, flushing is an essential procedure for water quality management. However, there are water quality management practices that can, and should be done to prevent water stagnation and promote quality drinking water prior to reopening the building to staff and the public.

Attached is information concerning the risks of water stagnation and guidance on where to find more information to help maintain the quality of drinking water within your facilities.

If you have questions regarding school drinking water safety, please contact Ms. Holly Gohlke, Environmental Quality Specialist, Lead and Copper Unit, Community Water Supply Section, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division, at 517-220-1904, or by email at GohlkeH@Michigan.gov.

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