Protecting the safety of employees, customers and facilities is a priority for companies as they move to reopen, recalibrate operations and drive growth after a crisis. UL offers the following suggested guidelines for safely resuming operations in any building.

### General operations
- Review standard building operating status during building closure, e.g., vacancies, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) schedules, and setpoints.
- Assess the use of any new or proposed cleaning products.
- Review janitorial procedures and protocols, including environment, health and safety (EHS) procedures.

### Building systems
- Flush ventilation systems with maximum outdoor air 24 hours before an inspection.
- Flush potable cold and hot water systems for 10 minutes at all outlets.
- Resume normal ventilation schedule or assess capacity or need for additional outdoor air.
- Schedule Legionella testing from cooling towers. (optional)

### Building systems continued
- Engage a certified professional to perform a visual and infrared inspection of representative available surfaces, e.g., ventilation, filtration and hygiene, to check for leaks and mold.
- Engage a certified professional to conduct a basic indoor air quality (IAQ) review with an emphasis on volatile organic compounds.
- Engage a certified professional to collect potable water samples and evaluate post-flush water quality at domestic main.
- Sample hot water temperatures at point-of-use.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
Building Reoccupancy Checklist

Building entry, exit and emergency evacuation

- Limit entry points into the building.
- Deactivate electronic devices for doors that should not be used, while ensuring any applicable doors are still available for emergency exit.
- Do not create obstruction hazards at required exits and consider egress width required by fire code.
- Develop or modify existing emergency response plans to address social distancing, e.g., identify additional tornado and other severe weather shelter locations.
- Consider social distancing requirements for and maintain sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) supply at emergency assembly points.

*Always review and follow local health guidelines, building codes and regulations when resuming operations in your facility.*