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Dear Sir/Madam,

Health & Safety Update

As we move into the 2nd phase of the Scottish Government's route map and the Scotland's journey towards returning to normality continues, I am sure those of you that have been staying with family members during the coronavirus crisis may be considering returning to your own homes.

I thought it would be prudent to share a new leaflet that we have drafted to make you aware of the dangers of Legionnaires Disease.

Legionnaires' disease is a potentially fatal form of pneumonia. It can affect anybody, and it is caused by the inhalation of small droplets of water suspended in the air which contain legionella bacteria. It can make you very ill. Its symptoms are similar to the flu and the illness is treated with antibiotics. You cannot get Legionnaires' disease from drinking water, the bacteria is more likely to be present in the spray from a shower or spray taps. And it can be more prevalent when a property has been empty for a period of time, eg following a holiday and water has been lying stagnant in pipes etc.

In domestic properties the risk of Legionnaire's disease is rated as low risk and the attached leaflet details what you can do to minimise this risk. Please read it carefully and keep it with your tenant's handbook.

Yours faithfully



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