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Systems Testing Company/Certified Technician
[Distributed by email]

Re: Message from Seattle Fire Marshal Regarding Testing and Repairs During Governor's Stay at Home Order

Systems Testing Providers,

You are receiving this email because you are listed as a "company email contact" in our system "The Compliance Engine" or because you are a member of our Regional Systems Testing Advisory Board. Please feel free to forward this message to others in your company who should be aware.

As you probably watched last night, the Governor issued an Executive Order urging the public to stay home and closing non-essential critical infrastructure and businesses. At this time the Seattle Fire Marshal understands ITM companies to be a "private sector resource" that provides Fire Mitigation Activities, with the implication that these activities and companies are essential public services that should continue according Governor's Stay at Home Order. In Seattle:

- **Continue to test and repair.** If needed you can request an extension in a specific occupancy due to public health issues or your own staffing issues and similar considerations.
- **Prioritize repair of critical deficiencies.** It remains essential to repair impaired systems and return them to function as designed. Please give top priority to this work as you make staffing decisions.
- **Follow recommendations for your employees suggested by King County Public**

Health: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/disease-control/novel-coronavirus.aspx>

In situations where your company or employees perceive that it may be preferable from a public health perspective to defer testing in a specific occupancy or portion of an occupancy, please know you can postpone the test and contact us to receive an extension of the compliance timeline. Similarly, if you need an extension due to your own staffing considerations, please contact us. Request an extension by emailing us at sfd_fmo_systemstesting@seattle.gov. Please do not submit incomplete tests to us in TCE. Instead, please receive an extension, complete the testing, and then submit a full report.

We are grateful for the partnership with our systems testing providers in ensuring building safety despite and during the current pandemic crisis. On behalf of SFD, thank you and have a safe day.

Respectfully,



Assistant Chief Timothy J. Munnis, Fire Marshal
Seattle Fire Department

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