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Fire Marshal's Office – Hood Suppression System Testing Requirements During COVID-19

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Testing and maintenance of fire protection systems in buildings should continue with safe worksite practices during the COVID pandemic. Seattle Fire Code 901.6 requires all hood systems be tested and reports submitted to the Seattle Fire Department through The Compliance Engine every six months. However, the Seattle Fire Department understands that some restaurants have closed temporarily in response to the pandemic and no cooking is taking place.

If your business is temporarily closed and the appliances being protected by the hood system are not in use, testing requirements may be temporarily deferred for your hood suppression system. Please contact us at SFD_FMO_Systemstesting@seattle.gov to request a possible extension until the time you start using the protected appliances again. It is your responsibility to continue to meet the requirements of the fire code. Testing and reporting for your hood suppression system will be required when your business resumes operation or at the next renewal date, whichever comes first.

There have been no changes to the expectation for reporting system impairments. You must notify the Seattle Fire Department of planned or emergency impairments that are anticipated to take a fire safety system out of service for more than eight hours. For more information visit <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/business-services/systems-testing#impairedsystems>.

Email SFD_FMO_systemstesting@seattle.gov if you have additional questions.