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SOUTHERN DIVISION UPDATE: Police Station Cleared to Reopen to Public and SDPD Employees

SAN DIEGO – After temporarily closing the Southern Division police station last week for a potential mold issue, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) was given the all clear to reopen the facility to the public and SDPD personnel on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Front counter services will resume with normal hours of operation from Monday to Thursday from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For emergencies, community members should continue to dial 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call (619) 531-2000. Many crimes can also be reported online at www.sandiego.gov/police.

STATION UPDATE

Over the past week, the City took several steps to assess and remedy the issue at Southern Division.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, the City completed a thorough cleaning of the facility. This was done by a professional contract vendor to ensure that all furniture, walls, floors, carpets and other areas are cleaned using a specialized concentration of antimicrobial cleansing agent. Additionally, upon completion of the cleaning, the contractor fogged the facility to eliminate potential mold spores that are not visible.

A visual assessment of the HVAC ducting was initiated on Friday, Oct. 2, which did not reveal any immediate signs of mold within the system.

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health and Quality began an Indoor Air Quality assessment on Friday, October 2. Samples were collected from throughout the interior of Southern Division and sent for rush analysis. The intent was to determine whether mold persists in the space and to ensure that conditions do not support future growth.

Those samples determined that the area is safe for re-occupancy.

MOVING FORWARD

Although the HVAC system did not show any immediate signs of mold, the City will complete duct cleaning of the HVAC system to support air quality and further mitigate potential for future mold growth.

The City is installing dehumidifiers in select locations throughout the station and the locker rooms to reduce potential for regrowth.

The City will also be exploring the installation of fans in the locker rooms to help maintain a dry environment.

Southern Division patrol officers began responding to calls for service from the police station earlier Tuesday afternoon.

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