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Annual Steam Outage Week

## **Steam Outage Week:**

In order to ensure the safety of our guests, Dining Services works closely with the Bear River Health Department in reviewing our policies with respect to the annual week where the University has no steam and therefore no hot water.

### **Policy:**

The Bear River Health Department has directed Dining Services to close all operations with the exception of The Quickstop and The QuadSide Café. This includes Catering.

In order to be open, a food service operation must have and maintain a constant flow of hot water. The main purpose and concern for this is the ability to appropriately wash hands as well as maintain a sanitary environment. Secondary but equally important is the ability to wash dishes appropriately.

Given the above standard, only The Quickstop and The QuadSide Café will remain open during steam week.

### **Commissary and Bakery:**

The Commissary and the Bakery will provide a temporary hand washing station at their facility during this time period so food can continue to be prepped. The locations have the refrigeration and the space required to adequately prepare food. With the Bear River Health Department's approval the Commissary will operate as normal. Order quantities for items from the Bakery at USU will be emailed to the Pastry Chef and the Executive Chef on the Monday prior to steam week. This will allow items to be prepped and frozen before the Steam Outage minimizing the staff's contact with food.

### **The QuadSide Café:**

The QuadSide Café has a backup hot water system that does not require steam. The Café will therefore be able to serve most of its normal offerings safely.

### **The QuickStop Convenience Store:**

The QuickStop will only sell pre-packaged items during steam outage week that do not require hand contact by USU employees.

No Outside Catering Companies will be allowed in the Taggart Student Center. Departments utilizing the TSC during that week may bring outside food in but just for this week.