

Legionnaires' Disease

Information for Melrose Houses Residents

The New York City Health Department and New York City Housing Authority are installing water filters and other systems to reduce the risk of Legionnaires' disease in Melrose Houses. Here's what you can do to stay healthy:

Know the facts about Legionnaires' disease.

- It can't be spread from one person to another person.
- It's easily treated with antibiotics.
- Most people get better with early treatment.
- You're at higher risk if you are middle-aged or elderly (especially if you smoke cigarettes), have chronic lung disease, have a weakened immune system or take medicines that weaken your immune system.

Don't wait! Get help right away if you start feeling sick.

If you have flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, muscle aches or cough), get medical attention right away. This is especially important if you have a medical condition that affects your breathing or if you are a smoker.

Drink water to stay cool.

It's safe to drink the water at Melrose Houses. Drink water to stay cool on hot days. If you need help finding a cool place to go, call 311.

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For the latest updates on Legionnaires' disease and the City's response, visit nyc.gov/health

