

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Legionnaires' Disease

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KNOW THE FACTS:

Legionnaires' is a type of pneumonia. It is caused by bacteria, and **cannot be spread from one person to another.**

It is easily treated with antibiotics, and most people get better with early treatment.

People get sick by breathing in water vapor with the bacteria (for example, mist from contaminated cooling towers). Window air conditioners are NOT a risk.

You're at higher risk if you are aged 50 or older (especially if you smoke), 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 FEEL SICK.

- If you have 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.
- Tell your health care provider you are concerned about Legionnaires' disease. Your provider may need to do tests to find out if you are sick with Legionnaires' disease or a different infection.

Find more information at
nyc.gov/health/legionnaires