

Bronx Legionnaires' Disease Cluster Case Update - 8/7/15

Statement from Commissioner Bassett:

“New York City is experiencing the worst outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease in its history, with more than 100 people diagnosed in the South Bronx. We now see the frequency of diagnoses decreasing, as well as the number of emergency department visits for pneumonia in the South Bronx. We have fewer new cases, people are seeking care promptly and getting treatment promptly. We’re optimistic that we’ve seen the worst of this outbreak, and that our remediation efforts are having an impact. I thank the people of the Bronx for hearing the message and getting it out to their neighbors, friends and family. However, we must all remain vigilant. The Health Department will continue to monitor for new cases and check that building owners are continuing remediation efforts. Residents of the Bronx: it’s critical that if you do develop pneumonia-like symptoms, you seek care right away.”

Highlights:

- No new deaths have been reported in the last day.
- Emergency department visits for pneumonia are decreasing in the South Bronx.
- The one new reported case of Legionnaires’ disease was diagnosed in prior days – not in the last 24 hours.

Cases:

- Individuals with Legionnaires’ deceased: 10
- All deceased individuals were adults with underlying medical conditions.
- These patients are connected to the current cluster.
- Reported individuals with Legionnaires’: 101
- Individuals with Legionnaires’ hospitalized: 94
- Of the 94, the number of individuals with Legionnaires’ treated and discharged: 65

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