

Bronx Legionnaires' Disease Cluster Update 8/11/15

- Updated epidemic curve attached.
- No new cases with onset of symptoms after 8/3.
- Health officials remain confident that one or more of the five locations that initially tested positive was the source of the outbreak, and that through disinfection of the source, the outbreak has been contained.

Cases:

- Reported individuals with Legionnaires': 115
- Individuals treated and discharged: 79
- Individuals with Legionnaires' deceased: 12
- All deceased individuals were adults with underlying medical conditions.

Community Affairs Unit:

- Over 25,000 flyers handed out since last week.
- Nearly 600 buildings canvassed Thursday and Friday to determine if they had cooling towers.
- Nearly 1,600 participants in 3 teletown halls.
- Over 60,000 robocalls with information for Bronx residents.
- Over 460 small businesses canvassed to provide fliers.
- Outreach by medical professionals to all DFTA senior centers in the outbreak zone since last week.
- Two town halls with Emergency Management, Health and Mental Hygiene, Environmental Protection this week.

FAQ:

- New York City's drinking water supply and other water features, like fountains, shower heads and pools, are safe throughout New York City and are unaffected by legionella.
- Water towers are unaffected by legionella.
- Home air conditioner units are unaffected and walking into air conditioned environments is safe, as well.
- The Health Department convened a panel of experts in the field of infectious disease to discuss the work the City has done so far and to ensure that all the appropriate steps are being taken to find and eliminate the source of the outbreak.

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