



LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE PREVENTION

If your business is currently closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is important to take preventative measures to reduce the risk of a Legionnaires' outbreak when restrictions are lifted.

Legionnaires' disease is a serious lung infection. Legionella can make people sick when the bacteria grow in water and spread in droplets small enough for people to inhale



Ensure that your water system is safe to use after a prolonged shutdown to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease and other diseases associated with water.

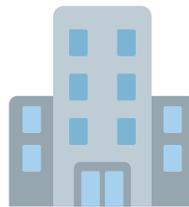


Stagnant, or standing water, can cause conditions that increase the risk for growth and spread of Legionella and other biofilm-associated bacteria.

Common Sources Include:



Water used for showering



Cooling Towers (Parts of large air conditioning systems)



Decorative Water Fountains



Hot Tubs

There are 8 steps to follow before your business or building reopens. [Learn the steps here.](#)

Learn how to start a water management program [here](#). Be sure to use the provided [toolkit](#).

If you operate a hotel follow [this guidance](#).