



DRINKING WATER WARNING
LEGIONELLA BACTERIA IN FINISHED WATER
RESTRICT WATER USE
RESTRINGIR EL USO DEL AGUA

**ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE
 ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.**

_____ Kids Peace Hospital _____ water is contaminated with *Legionella* bacteria.

Legionella bacteria were found in the finished water supply on 08/16/2021. These bacteria can make you sick. *People at increased risk of getting sick are: people 50 years or older; current or former smokers; people with a chronic lung disease (like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema); or people with severely compromised immune systems.*

What should I do?

DO NOT USE THE WATER FOR SHOWERING AND AVOID EXPOSURE TO AEROSOL-PRODUCING DEVICES SUCH AS HUMIDIFIERS. Water should not be used for showering or for other activities where water droplets or mist may be inhaled. People are exposed to *Legionella* bacteria when they inhale water droplets containing the bacteria.

Legionella are bacteria that can cause a serious type of pneumonia (lung infection) called Legionnaires' disease. The bacteria can also cause a less serious infection called Pontiac fever that has symptoms similar to a mild case of the flu. People at increased risk of getting sick are: people 50 years or older; current or former smokers; people with a chronic lung disease (like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema); or people with severely compromised immune systems (due to cancer, diabetes or kidney disease). These people should seek advice about limiting their exposure to the water from their health care providers.

The symptoms above are not caused only by *Legionella* bacteria in water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about limiting their exposure to the water from their health care providers.

What happened? What is being done?

Legionella is a type of bacterium found naturally in freshwater environments, like lakes and streams. It can become a health concern when it grows and spreads in human-made water systems such as distribution systems, storage tanks and the premise plumbing of buildings (consisting of hot water heaters, storage tanks, pipes, shower heads, faucets and nozzles).

We have installed point of use filters approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for the removal of legionella bacteria at the following locations in the hospital: NE module, NW module, SW module, Explorer module.

All other locations in the Hospital are required to restrict water use.

We are consulting with the Department of Environmental Protection for a permanent treatment option for the control of legionella bacteria.

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to restrict your water use

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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Jeffrey M. Soldo.

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