

Legionnaires Disease Information

Legionnaires' disease, a type of severe pneumonia, is caused by breathing in small droplets of water that contain Legionella bacteria.

- Symptoms:
- Cough;
 - Shortness of breath;
 - Fever;
 - Muscle aches; &
 - Headaches.

Legionella are found naturally in the environment; grow well in warm water.

They have been found in:

- Creeks and ponds;

- Hot and cold water taps;

- Hot water tanks;

- Water used in air conditioning cooling towers and evaporative condensers;

- Hot tubs;

- Decorative fountains; & • Soil

People become infected when they inhale the bacteria in mists or vapors (such as those from showers, bubbling hot tubs or decorative fountains) or choke on drinking water that contains the bacteria.

In general, people do not spread Legionnaires' disease to other people..

See your doctor early on,
best treatment is antibiotics.

Resources:

Legionnaires Disease, Pontiac Fever Fast Facts | CDC

Legionellosis.pdf (pa.gov)