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Update on Outbreak of Legionnaire’s Disease Associated with the area of Ashworth Avenue at Hampton, NH

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Town of Hampton continue to investigate an outbreak of Legionnaire’s Disease associated with the Ashworth Avenue area of Hampton, NH.

Two additional cases of Legionnaire’s disease have been confirmed since the previous update on August 30th. There are now a total of 14 confirmed cases of Legionnaire’s disease associated with Ashworth Avenue between Island Path and M Street in Hampton.

Hampton Legionella Investigation Summary Report

NUMBER OF CONFIRMED ILLNESSES	Total
Illness onset dates	6/14/18 – 8/24/2018
Hospitalized	12
Deaths	1
Total	14

DHHS and the CDC have been conducting environmental testing to identify a potential source of the bacteria that causes Legionnaire’s disease. Samples collected have been sent to the CDC laboratory in Atlanta; preliminary results from lab testing are expected to be available in the next one to two weeks.

DHHS and the CDC will continue the investigation throughout the Labor Day weekend, including additional environmental testing and conducting interviews and re-interviews with the individuals who contracted the disease. DHHS will update the number of confirmed cases on Tuesday, September 4th unless developments warrant otherwise.

If you have information or questions about this outbreak, please call the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Public Inquiry Line by calling 603-271-9461, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. During the holiday weekend, the line will be open

on Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the investigation, please visit <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/legionella.htm>.

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