

AUGUST IS LEGIONELLA AWARENESS MONTH



Legionella bacteria occur naturally in water but can grow in building water systems and lead to **Legionnaires' disease**.

Everyone can play a role in preventing Legionella growth and exposure.

**SAFE WATER.
HEALTHY BUILDINGS.
HEALTHY PEOPLE.**



**Protect yourself.
Protect others.**

Effective water management helps protect building occupants, reduce risk, and support public health.

SIMPLE STEPS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



CONTROL TEMPERATURES

Keep hot water temperatures at 120°F (49°C) or higher and cold water below 68°F (20°C).



FLUSH REGULARLY

Flush seldom-used taps, showers, and outlets to keep water moving throughout the building.



MONITOR & TEST

Test for Legionella as part of your water management program and monitor system conditions.



MAINTAIN SYSTEMS

Clean and maintain cooling towers, water heaters, decorative fountains, and other water features.



STAY INFORMED

Follow your organization's water safety plan and report concerns to facility management.



KNOW THE SYMPTOMS.

Legionnaires' disease is a severe form of pneumonia. Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, and fatigue.



SEEK MEDICAL CARE.

If you have symptoms and think you may have been exposed to Legionella, seek medical attention right away.

