

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: **Genesee County Health Department Investigating Possible Death Due To Legionnaires' Disease**

The Genesee County Health Department learned today of a possible death in the County due to Legionnaires' disease and is conducting an investigation of the case. The investigation is in the very preliminary stage, so no further information is available at this time. Additional information will be reported as it becomes known.

Legionnaires' disease is a very serious type of pneumonia (lung infection) caused by breathing in small droplets of water that contain Legionella bacteria. Symptoms can include cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headache, and fever, and usually occur 2-14 days after exposure.

Genesee County residents are reminded to contact their health care provider and ask about specific testing for Legionnaires' disease if they experience symptoms and have been around usual sources like hot tubs and decorative fountains, or have visited or stayed in a health care facility, hotel or other large building within the past 2 weeks.

Further information regarding Legionnaires' disease is available from the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/legionella and on the Genesee County Health Department website at www.gchd.us.

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