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RE: Legionellosis

As you may already be aware, the NYS DOH and NYC Health Department released a Health Advisory on Legionellosis (see [here](#)) in which they urge facilities to keep a careful watch for signs and symptoms associated with Legionnaires' Disease.

Legionellosis occurs year-round, with **increased incidence during the summer** and early fall.

The key to preventing Legionnaires' Disease is maintenance of the water systems in which *Legionella* may grow. Therefore, please ensure that your facility performs water culture sampling in accordance with Section 2801 of the Public Health Law, 10 NYCRR Subpart 4-2.

For specific regulations including Environmental Assessment and water sampling plans see [here](#). Testing is required annually at a minimum unless the facility has had an identified issue whereas increased testing as outlined by NYSDOH is required.

Do not hesitate to contact the Association if you have any questions.