

LEGIONELLOSIS, RESORT CONDOMINIUM - USA (MARYLAND)

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3rd case of Legionnaires' disease in Ocean City, Maryland

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The Worcester County Health Department is reporting a 3rd case of Legionnaires' disease associated with an Ocean City (MD) condominium. As with the 2 previous cases, this case is associated with the Braemar Tower condominium complex on 131st Street.

The 1st 2 patients stayed in separate units in the complex over the holidays, and one of them died. The condition of the person in the latest case isn't known, but health officials say the person is alive.

While health officials can't confirm the patients contracted Legionnaires' at the condo, water samples from several locations inside tested positive for the bacterium that causes the disease. The condominium owners treated the water over the weekend. The health department will do follow-up testing in the next few days.

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[What may be very important about these cases is that, as holiday condominiums and possibly time-share ones, there may be (and probably are) other cases associated with the complex, perhaps residing outside of Maryland. It should be noted that the isolation of *L. pneumophila* from water samples does not immediately identify the source, as the human strains may be a different legionella from the water strain. - Mods.LL/MPP]