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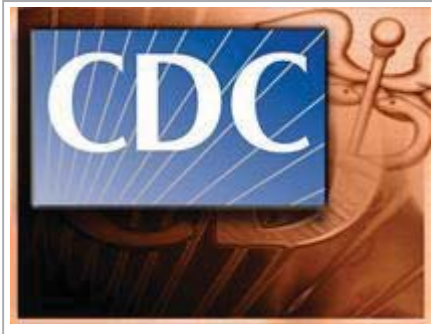
## CDC Confirms Legionnaire's Disease at Stadium Place



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ABC2News is working for you as we continue to follow the legionnaire's outbreak at a senior living facility in Northeast Baltimore that left one resident dead.

There is now a seventh reported case at Stadium Place and the Baltimore City Health Department just released test results confirming the bacteria came from the apartment buildings.

Going on the assumption that legionella was in the water, crews started flushing the systems in every apartment at Stadium Place last week.

"We elevated the hot water heaters to the maximum temperature setting. Hot temperature will kill the bacteria. Above 130 will kill the bacteria," said Tim Keane, President, Legionella Risk Management.

Now city health officials know for sure. The Centers for Disease Control has confirmed the water at the senior apartment complex has caused seven people to fall ill from legionnaire's disease, including one death.

"We had probably more than 100 samples taken. Several of those samples reveal that legionella is in the water in some of the apartments in the two buildings," said Olivia Farrow, Baltimore City Interim Health Commissioner.

Residents in two of the four buildings have been sickened. For more than two weeks now, the city's interim health commissioner has asked some 360 residents to avoid taking showers or running their dishwashers since the water-born disease is inhaled through mist or vapor.

"I'm pretty sure they have been doing everything they can," said Margerea Green, a Stadium Place resident.

A woman here died October 5th. Ten days later, health leaders shared the news of the disease with the seniors, those who are most at risk of contracting legionnaire's disease.

"It's a large complex and the response time or the planned responses needed to be reacted to sooner. It was a little delayed I thought. It could have lead to some additional illnesses," said Jaki Stokes, whose mother lives at Stadium Place.

But the city and property owners say they're doing all they can now and for the future. Mayor Sheila Dixon came to the property for the first time since the outbreak began.

"Whatever we need to do in the city from the water end, the health department, we're going to work through that, as well," said Mayor Dixon.

The Centers for Disease Control took a second round of water samples this week to see if the remediation efforts killed the bacteria. The property owners say they are working on long-term maintenance plans.

Legionnaire's disease attacks the lungs, much like pneumonia. You can only get it from the environment, not another person.

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