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Public Health Notice Legionnaires' Disease

(July 26, 2018) Due to continuing health concerns involving Legionnaires' disease, the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District has issued a Control Order to the Fairfield Inn and Suites Waco North, located at 4257 N. Interstate HWY 35, Lacy Lakeview, TX 76705.

Two cases of Legionnaires' disease have been reported from guests who stayed at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in July 2018.

The Fairfield Inn will be required to notify all guests and staff of the risk to Legionnaires' disease and allow the Health District to conduct an environmental investigation of the property.

The investigation will identify possible risks of Legionella bacteria growth in the hotel's water system to determine the possible source(s) of the water contamination. Although a direct source for the disease has not been determined at this time, it is important that all guests are notified of any potential risk while staying at the Fairfield Inn and Suites.

Cases are often associated with large or complex water systems. Legionella can grow if a water system is not properly maintained. The infection is caused by breathing in a mist or vapor containing the bacteria. The most likely sources of infection include potable water, cooling towers for air conditioning systems, decorative fountains and hot tubs.

Legionnaires' disease is a form of pneumonia caused by a bacteria called Legionella. It is not contagious and almost never spreads from person to person. The risk of developing Legionnaires' disease is low, but it occurs more frequently in the elderly, in those who smoke, and in individuals who are at higher risk of infection, such as those with a chronic illness, respiratory disease, or compromised immune system. Most cases are successfully treated with antibiotics. Symptoms include high fever, chills, cough, fatigue, muscle aches, and headaches. These symptoms usually begin 2-14 days after being exposed. If you have developed any combination of these symptoms, we strongly encourage you to see your doctor.

Additional information on Legionella is available from the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/fs-legionnaires.pdf>.

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