

***Legionella pneumophila* Found in Water
from Two Facilities in Rutland County**

To: Rutland County Healthcare Providers

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Hot water samples from two Rutland County facilities tested positive for *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria on July 28, 2009. Notices of the findings have been posted in each facility. The notices suggest that persons experiencing a high fever, chills, and a cough that have spent time at the facility in the past two weeks may wish to consult their healthcare providers to discuss possible exposure to *Legionella* bacteria.

The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are working closely with the facilities to ensure that the water systems are disinfected.

This message is being sent as a courtesy, in the event that patients present to you with concerns about *Legionella*. Please follow your routine clinical practice for assessing any such patients. If you have questions, please contact the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section at (802) 863-7240 or toll-free at 800-640-4374.