
From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 10:32 AM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Urgent Legionaire Disease testing in Water

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 2:18 PM
To: Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Pieper, Julia (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Cc: Dykema, Linda D. (DCH); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); DeBruyn, Dana (DEQ); Weaver, Cynthia (DEQ); Wozniak, Gary (DEQ)
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Thank you everyone for the prompt responses and your efforts to provide excellent customer service. As recently as our ODWMA Managers Meeting this past Wednesday, we have been discussing the need for the public water supply program to prepare for the possibility of Legionnaires being identified in Michigan based on what we are learning from other states. It appears we may be developing some procedures on the go. Thanks again.

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I gave Mick McGuire with the Van Buren/Cass Health Department this information and he will call Shannon Johnson to coordinate testing. He will also contact Kevin Anderson at the City of Dowagiac to get a sample from them.

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Here is the reply from DCH:

Hi Julia,

We have the capacity to look for Legionella in water, but we only perform the test when it is a part of an epidemiologic investigation. If the health department contacts our Bureau of Epidemiology and they confirm the human case and want to look for a source, we can test. They may want to contact Shannon Johnson in the Bureau of Epi. Her number is 335-9597.

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Hi Richard,

We do not do Legionella testing. Julie is in the process of finding out from DCH if they can do it. She will provide that information once it becomes available.

George

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George or Julia,

Are you prepared for performing analyses for legionella in water? If so, would you please answer the questions below. If not, do you know if the DCH lab is capable of doing so? Can you provide a contact. Liane suggest I copy Linda Dykema, so perhaps she can answer for community health, particularly if there are any labs in Southwest Michigan that may be relied upon if the state is unable to do so.

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Julia,

Summary at 10:05am Mick McGuire of the Van Buren Cass County District Health Dept contacted this office.

- Per Mick McGuire, Van Buren Cass County District Health Dept, there is a man who was diagnosed with Legionnaires Disease either yesterday, or today.
- It is not known which location this "man" may have worked at: Either Cass County or Berrien County.
- The VBCCDHD is investigating IF the "man" works at a previously "inactive" Type 2 public water supply in Cass County.
 - The VBCCDHD is ALSO investigating IF the "man" works at a previously "inactive" Type 2 public water supply in Berrien County.

The QUESTIONS:

DEQ Lab:

- 1) Does our DEQ lab analyze water for Legionnaires' Disease?
- 2) If so, what bottle is used?

- 3) If so, and IF sample(s) are collected today, at what time does the sample need to be into the lab?

Are there other Lab options:

- 4) Do you have names and contacts of a Cass County or Kalamazoo County lab which can test for Legionnaires' Disease in water?
- 5) Do you have names and contact of a Berrien County lab which can test for Legionnaires' Disease in water?
- 6)

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