

Hi Suzanne,

Yes, let's try to schedule something for this week. Would Thursday morning work for everyone?

Yes, it would be helpful to be able to review your epi curve, questionnaire results, etc. prior to the call.

Thanks,

Laurel

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Subject: RE: CDC-GCHD Call

We were trying to coordinate schedules for Thursday (4/30) or Friday (5/1) of this week. Please let us know if we could schedule a meeting either of those days.

We have two major events next week: Our Public Health Conference 5/5/15 and the Speak To Your Health! Community Survey Data Roll-Out 5/7/15.

Jay had asked what the agenda would look like. Our suggestion would be:

A Review of the current investigation (Statistics, Questionnaire Responses, Issues Addressed, Current Concerns)

Discussion of clinical sample protocols

Discussion of environmental sampling protocols

Submission of the samples to CDC

Syndromic Surveillance Project

Suggestions for Additional Assistance .

Thank you.

Suzanne

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Hi Suzanne,

I met with colleagues and leadership at CDC, and we are very concerned about this Legionnaires' disease outbreak. It's very large, one of the largest we know of in the past decade, and community-wide, and in our opinion and experience it needs a comprehensive investigation. I know you all have been working on this for quite a while, but we are unclear

about which steps have been taken and what is currently known, and we feel a sense of urgency. Is it possible to meet before May 8th? It's difficult to give advice when we don't have all the information, but we are eager to help. You may have already taken several of these steps, but we recommend a full investigation including the following steps:

- Generate an epi curve, map the cases, interview all cases with a hypothesis-generating questionnaire, analyze results from questionnaire (I believe this has been done, and, if so, it would be helpful to review these results with you.)
- Based on these results, determine whether we can either rule out any sources or start investigating any sources. (I believe you have started this...for example you mentioned that some cases were possibly healthcare-associated.)
- Full environmental investigation of any potential sources (We can provide information on how to collect samples, etc. if needed.)
- If the source(s) is found, provide remediation recommendations to stop the outbreak.

I know you've run into issues getting information you've requested from the city water authority and the MI Dept of Environmental Quality. Again, not knowing the full extent of your investigation it's difficult to make recommendations, and it may be difficult for us to provide the kind of detailed input needed for such an extensive outbreak from afar. If you and others at the state feel you would benefit from more intensive assistance with continuing the investigation for any reason, please let us know and we can discuss providing field assistance in the form of an Epi-Aid.

Best regards,
Laurel

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Hello Suzanne,

Looking at our schedules, we have limited availability of our core staff here at DHH5 on Friday May 8th. In order to help prioritize or to determine if we should look for an alternate meeting time, can we get an idea of what the agenda will be for this call?

Thanks. -Jay

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