

Health Department investigating 2 cases of legionellosis potentially associated with James Square

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (WSYR-TV) - The New York State Department of Health is collaborating with James Square Health and Rehabilitation Centre on an investigation of two cases of legionellosis that has potentially been associated with the nursing home.

The facility collected Legionella samples from the nursing home's potable water system, which recently tested positive for Legionella.

The state Department of Health has recommended a water restriction for the nursing home until additional samples are collected and the facility's water system is remediated.

Legionella is not spread person to person.

In New York State, including New York City, between 200 and 800 cases of legionellosis are diagnosed annually.

More legionellosis cases are usually identified in the summer and early fall, but it can happen any time of year.

[For more information about Legionella, click here.](#)

James Square had released the following statement:

On Tuesday, August 8th, we confirmed with NYS Department of Health test results that very low levels of Legionella bacteria were detected in a

few of the samples of our tap water in our 918 Building.

Legionella is a natural bacteria that is found worldwide in water systems. Upon this confirmation, we immediately implemented water restrictions on this unit with the guidance of Department of Health as well as our independent consultant.

We currently remain operational at all levels and patient care is not compromised or interrupted in any way.

James Square adheres strictly to the recommended and required infection control measures, as established by the NYS Department of Health and Center for Disease Control (CDC) to provide protection to our residents, staff, and visitors.

If you would like more information, please call (315)474-1561, and ask to speak with Stanley Wojciechowski, Nursing Home Administrator.