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### Two Contract Legionnaires' Disease At Northwest Suburban Inn

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**MCHENRY, Ill.** -- Two people have contracted Legionnaires' disease after using spa facilities at a northwest suburban inn.

The director of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is warning people who may have recently used the swimming pool and spa facilities at the Hampton Inn at 1555 South Route 31 in McHenry about legionellosis, according to a release from IDPH.

Two people, a McHenry County resident and a person from Michigan, have been diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease stemming from a visit between May 9 and June 4, the release said.

Legionellosis can be a mild respiratory illness or it can be severe enough to cause death. The most common symptoms of legionellosis are fever, chills and a cough. Some patients also have muscle aches, headaches, tiredness loss of appetite and diarrhea, the release said.

On Friday, IDPH and McHenry County Health Department investigators visited the inn, performing a preliminary investigation of the swimming pool and spa facilities. The inspectors collected water samples that will be analyzed for legionella, the release said.

IDPH is also working with the hotel to contact guests who stayed at the hotel since May 9 to inform them of the two cases and collect their health information, the release said.

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