

One person dies of Legionnaires' in Croton rehab center

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In light of the recent outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in New York City, here are five facts you need to know about the disease.

One of the two people who was sickened by Legionnaires' disease at a Croton-on-Hudson rehab center died Thursday.

Sky View Rehabilitation & Health Care officials didn't release the person's name but extended their sympathies to the victim and victim's family.

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Legionella are often found in soil and water, including air conditioning systems, cooling towers and hot tubs, and can be spread through the air but not from one person to another. The disease can be fatal but is treatable with standard antibiotics.

Signs of the disease include high fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headaches and coughing. Symptoms typically show up two to 14 days after people are exposed.

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino said during Monday's press conference that water samples at Sky View, which are taken every quarter, came back positive in the summer.

The rehab center "undertook a very aggressive flushing program," Astorino said. "Tests were then fine in August and September.

"But this month we now have two new residents who have contracted Legionnaires' disease. The nursing home has hired a consultant that's very experienced in remediation and the control of Legionella," Astorino said.

Sky View officials said in a statement that the center implemented precautionary measures against future potential exposure, under the guidance of an independent consulting firm.

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