



LEGIONELLOSIS

WHAT IS LEGIONELLOSIS?

LEGIONELLOSIS IS A DISEASE CAUSED BY THE BACTERIA *Legionella*, WHICH MAY CAUSE PNEUMONIA.

WHO GETS LEGIONELLOSIS?

PEOPLE OF ANY AGE CAN GET LEGIONELLOSIS BUT THE DISEASE MOST OFTEN AFFECTS THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEMS.

WHERE ARE *Legionella* FOUND?

Legionella EXIST NATURALLY IN WATER AND MOIST SOIL. THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND IN CREEKS AND PONDS, HOT AND COLD WATER TAPS, HOT WATER TANKS, WATER IN AIR CONDITIONING COOLING TOWERS, HOT TUBS, AND SOIL AT EXCAVATION SITES.

HOW IS LEGIONELLOSIS SPREAD?

THE DISEASE APPEARS TO BE SPREAD THROUGH THE AIR FROM A SOIL OR WATER SOURCE.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF LEGIONELLOSIS?

THE EARLY SYMPTOMS OF LEGIONELLOSIS MAY BE FLU-LIKE WITH MUSCLE ACHES, HEADACHE, TIREDNESS AND DRY COUGH FOLLOWED BY HIGH FEVER, CHILLS AND DIARRHEA. LATER, PNEUMONIA MAY DEVELOP.

HOW SOON DO SYMPTOMS APPEAR?

AFTER INFECTION, SYMPTOMS APPEAR BETWEEN TWO TO 10 DAYS.

HOW SEVERE IS THE ILLNESS?

LEGIONELLOSIS CAN BE A MILD RESPIRATORY ILLNESS OR IT CAN BE SEVERE ENOUGH TO CAUSE DEATH.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR LEGIONELLOSIS?

MEDICATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING THE DISEASE.